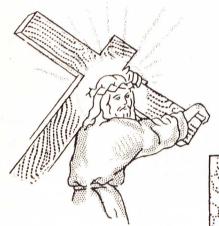
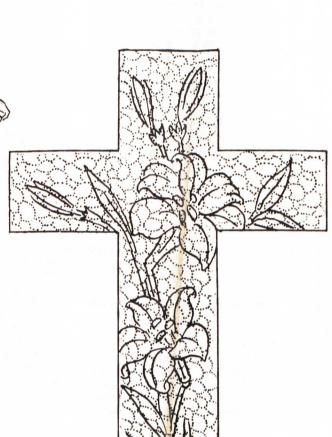
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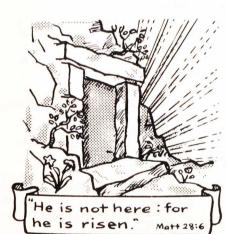
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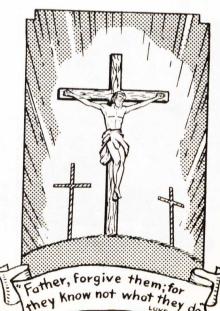








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## DOES YOUR CHURCH

II Cor. 9: 7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.'

Sometimes we are asked this question, "Does your church tithe?" and right away we think of the individual members of the church giving their tenth unto the Lord. But let's paraphrase the above verse of scripture and take another look at it. "Every church according as it purposeth in its by-laws, so let it give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giving church."

Malachi 3, verses 8 and 10, tell us "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" In tithes and offerings.

Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, and if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

We as individual Christians are by the prophet admonished Malachi, to bring our tithe (tenth) into the store house, or we would be quilty of robbing God. God expects His children to support His church.

Since we, as Christians, do not want to be guilty of robbing God, or of slowing down the mission of the church, we "give of our means" unto Him. We know in our hearts that by giving to the storehouse (church) that the Gospel can be taken into "all the world".

We, as Free Will Baptists are fortunate, in that the Missouri State Association several years ago, set up a plan whereby the church could support every phase of the denomination by just giving one offering each month. This was called the Co-operative Plan and each church was asked to send a tenth of their monthly offerings in support of this plan. This plan has proved, many times over, a success throughout the state in supporting world-wide missions.

Even as the storehouse (church) needs the tithes and offerings of each individual member to function properly, even so, the denomination needs our tithes and offerings, from each church, to function properly.

"How does this plan operate

and how does it support each department of the Free Will Baptist Demonination?", is a question that has been asked through the years since the plan was first put into effect

Let us take a look at the workings of this plan. When the church figures its tenth of its monthly income and sends it to the State Association Treasurer, he in turn figures the following percentages and the offering is disbursed:

55.00% of all offerings given to the state go to the National Association Treasurer where it is divided and distributed among the various phases of work nationally, such as, Foreign Missions, National Home Missions, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Executive and Promotional offices.

1.00% of the remaining 45% of offerings received goes to the State Church Training Service.

2.00% - to the State Youth Camp. 3.75% - to the Free Will Baptist

8.25% - to the General Fund. 14.00% - to the Promotional Department

16.00% - to Missouri State Home Missions

Many of our churches throughout the state was organized originally by the Home Mission Board.

There are many Chrisitan brethren throughout our state that are completely ignorant of the workings of the Co-Operative Plan of support. Where have we, as a church, failed to see the out-reach to be gained in giving of our means so that Christ's great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. . ." can be

We need more preachers, pastors and working Christians to get across to our people the fundamentals of Co-Operative giving.

And it was all started because individual Christians brought their tithes and their offerings into the store house (church).

If your church is not a tithing church, then purpose in your hearts that it may soon be so. We would not rob God by not giving of our tithe unto Him. Will our church be guilty of this thing if we fail to give our tithe to the support of World-Wide Missions?

GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER!

> Leamon L. Killian, Layman Fourth FWB Church St. Louis, Missouri



# YOUTH CAMP VIEWS & NEWS



DATES FOR THE 1968 SESSIONS:

PRE-TEEN TEENS

JUNE 16-21 JUNE 23-28 COST (Same as last year) \$ 9.00 COST (Same as last year) \$10.00

OUR GOAL

CAMP WORKERS: Pre-Teen

Camp Director ..... Luther Gibson Evangelist . . . . . . . . . Bill Evans

General Cabin Sponsors ..... Rev. & Mrs. Clifford Bowman First Aid ..... Rev. & Mrs. Frank Guinta

Pianist ..... Carolyn Lovelace Music Director . . . . . . . . Dale Skiles Swimming Pool . . . . . . . . . Grover Pingleton

Camp Bible School..... Mrs. Grover Pingleton How to Study the Bible ..... Mrs. Luther Gibson Parables of Jesus ..... Mrs. Teddy Davis Miracles of the Old Testament.. Cletus Nichols Miracles of the New Testament . Dennis Bowman

CAMP WORKERS: Teen

Camp Director ..... Jim McAllister Evangelist ..... Eddie Altis

First Aid . . . . . . . . . . . Rev. and Mrs. Frank Guinta

Swimming Pool . . . . . . . . . Grover Pingleton Music Director . . . . . . . Jerry Martin

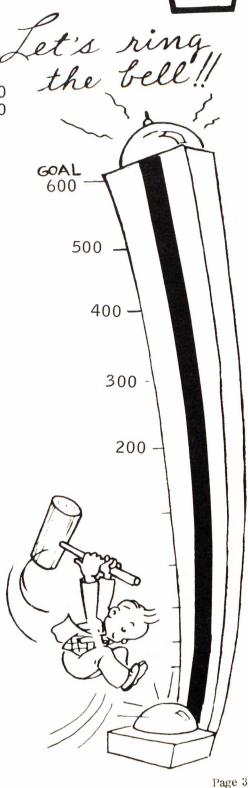
Teachers:

How to Study the Bible . . . . . Andy Lay Parables of Jesus ..... Tommy Carlson Miracles of the New Testament . Danny Martin Miracles of the Old Testament.. Alton Loveless

Other names forthcoming.

Let's make this year 1968 the Best and the Biggest!

Clarence Burton, Promotional Secretary, Youth Camp Board



## NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD: OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### FEBRUARY REPORT:

CAPE GIRARDEAU: God is really blessing the work in Cape Girardeau. They have moved into their new building and are experiencing unusual growth. Their average for February was 48. And, the first Sunday in March their attendance in Sunday School was 67. We thank God for Brother Don Jones and his family who have labored so faithfully in the work at Cape. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

INDEPENDENCE: The work in Independence is progressing very well. They are averaging about 50 in Sunday School. Pray for Brother Ted Davis and his family who are witnessing for the

Lord in this Mormon Community.

ST. JOSEPH: We averaged 18 in Sunday School for the month of February. We have had some people out because of sickness, but have had new people in nearly every service. We had one saved Sunday night, March 10. So, we are praising God for the opportunity to witness for Him here in St. Joseph. Please continue to pray for us. We plan to organize our church here on Thursday night, May 2.

Those makibg contributions to the State Home Missions Department this month are listed below:

Thayer Master's Men	1.00
Mrs. Alma Jean Golden	3.00
St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting	150.00
Oskaloosa Church	8.00
Jones Chapel Church	14.25
Hartville Church	11.00
Mine La Motte Church	5.00
Garfield Church	12.82
Overland Church	22,00
Thayer Church	21.00
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Mr. Chester Raymer	10.00
Pleasant Hill Church	10.00
Grace Church, Arnold	10.00
Merl's Chapel Church	4.00
Central Church, Kansas City	33,00
Hannon Church	24.50
Farmington Church	20.00
Victory Church, Kansas City	20.00
Rev. Cletus Nichols	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Foger	2.00
Cooperative Receipts - State Association	482.40
TOTAL	\$865.97
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Dale Skiles, Sec. Treas.

#### March 1968

#### Dear Friend of Missions,

It is not easy for me to write this letter. In fact, I have been putting it off for several weeks. I am sure that you have heard by now that Louise and I are making plans to begin a new ministry in Columbia, Missouri. The reason it is not easy to write this letter is because I realize that the weeks are swiftly passing by and the time will soon come for us to move. During the past five years I have made it a practice to call each of our home missionaries by name in prayer, and as a family we feel that we share in the ministry of several of our foreign mission workers through intercessory prayer. It has become a definite part of my life to work here in the office and learn of prayer burdens, and how we rejoiced as we also learned of God's answering prayers in your ministry. We want to continue to stay in close contact with our missionaries.

Shortly after the first of January there came in the morning mail a letter from Reverend James McAllister, Chairman of the

#### Home and Foreign

Missouri State Mission Board. Brother McAlister stated that the Missouri Mission Board was interested in starting a work in Columbia, Missouri, and they unanimously felt that I was the one to be the church extension worker. I knew as soon as I read this letter that here was a decision that would not be easy. I read and reread the letter, then opened the drawer of my desk and safely filed the letter away. However, the words of the letter burned deep into my mind. I looked at my calendar and was reminded that I was scheduled for a meeting with Brother Blanton in Jesup, Georgia, the last week of January. I knew that it would probably be during this week that I could come to a final decision, being away from the regular routine of my present ministry. I wrote Brother McAlister expressing that it would not be easy to decide to go or stay. However, I promised him an answer by February 1.

God did indeed speak to my heart in a special way in Jesup. Georgia, among the tall, beautiful pines. I was reminded of another very important occasion in my life while visiting at the beautiful Cedars of Lebanon missionary station in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. It was there that I knelt in the chapel and promised God that I was willing togo anywhere in the world and try to perform any kind of ministry in which I felt that He was leading. There have been many times that I have been disappointed with myself, but how my soul has been recharged anew when on my knees in prayer I would reminisce on that special commitment that I made to God at the Cedars of Lebanon. This decision was made in the company of several dear Christian friends, including Brother and Sister Thomas Willey who had such a definite influence on my life.

I was having difficulty sleeping at night in Jesup, Georgia. Finally, about two o'clock one morning I rolled out of bed. The image that burned deepest in my mind was that there were souls that God would have us to win in Columbia, Missouri, I told God I was ready to go. Before I put my head back on the pillow I took time to write a little note to my wife explaining the decision I had made. After this, sleep came easy. I arose the next morning and looked at the letter that I had written, and I felt that I needed something very specific from God's Word to give me assurance that I had made the right decision. I started to reach for my Bible and in an instant the verse of scripture in Pslam 71: 16 flashed into my mind, "I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only." From that instant on there has been one speck of doubt. I wrote to Louise telling her that I would call her Friday night. This would give her time to consider my letter. God fortified my mind with greater assurance as I heard the voice of my loved one exclaim that on the same day that I was struggling with the decision that she too felt that God was indeed calling us to a new ministry in Columbia, Missouri. She exclaimed that as she found my letter in the mailbox she sensed the nature of the contents. How wonderful it is to be one of His and to have His Holy Spriit indwelling within.

We hope we can move the family to Columbia before school starts. We are looking forward to our new ministry with great anticipation. I have a meeting scheduled with the Missouri State Mission Board on March 16. I have tentative plans to spend two days, March 14 and 15, in surveying the city of Columbia gleaning information and making contacts. We will appreciate so much

your prayers in behalf of this visit to the city.

Columbia is located about midway between St. Louis and Kansas City on Interestate 70 and it is the home of the University of Missouri where I attended school. We do not have a Free Will Baptist church there at the present time. We have a burden to (1) establish a self-supporting Free Will Baptist church, (2) make contact with all Free Will Baptist students and engage in other student ministries as time will permit and (3) engage in personal evangelism with some of the several thousand foreign students living in Columbia. We are praying that God will give us families in our church who will have an aptitude for this type of ministry also.

Free Will Baptist Gem

A few days ago I was travelling through Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and stopped to visit with Brother Don Jones. Brother Don has worked patiently with a small group for about two and a half years. The Lord has blessed them greatly in helping them to obtain land and build a first unit building. Since they have been in their present building, they have begun to grow in number. They reported 57 in services recently. I asked Don what he had learned in his home mission experience. He replied, "I have learned that prayer, patience, and praise are important ingredients in the life and ministry of a home missionary." I am thankful for this testimony because I realize as we go to Columbia that we will not be turning the town upside down but we pray that God will give us the patience to bear a faithful witness.

I know that you will be praying with us as we work these final months in the home mission office. Pray for Brother Willis and the Home Mission Board as they make the necessary adjustments

in this ministry.

Remember to pray for Brother Bob Shockey, as he is greatly expending himself for the cause of home missions in his work as Field Secretary. We just received word here in the office that he has completed a very fruitful revival with our board member, Brother Frank Davenport, where ten people were saved.

I received a letter this week from Paul Willis in Korea. He reports that he is living in a tent. The wind is blowing and it snows about every night. He hasn't had a Sunday off in six weeks and probably will not until he returns to the states. I am sure Paul will appreciate your prayers. A few days ago I received a letter from Louise's nephew, Wes. Wes is a forward observer in the Marines in Vietnam. He has been there several months, has seen several of his best buddies killed, and has slept on a cot two nights. He stated that he was very tired; however, the most urgent part of his letter was that he indicated that he was not ready to meet God. Please pray for Wes. We now have about four hundred military men on our servicemen's mailing list.

In the morning mail we received a letter from Brother Lloyd Plunkett stating that their recent Northwestern Quarterly Meeting had been like an old-fashioned Bible conference. Brother Jack Paramore had been visiting them from the Bible College and he, too, carried back an enthusiastic report. Another northwesterner, Brother Nathan Ruble, a junior here in the Bible College, has announced his call to preach. These are our reminders that God is still on the throne and victories are still being won.

Brother Levy Corey, Meridian, Mississippi, requests prayer for their revival starting March 24 with Brother Eustace Riggs... Brother Ledlow will be spending the next three months in itinerary in preparation for beginning his new project in Decatur, Alabama. Arthur Billows reports a successful three-day meeting with churches and missions in the Tampico area, Fourteen were saved.. Two new students have entered the Institute of God...In the Virgin Islands six were ready to be baptized...Two were saved recently in St. Joseph, Missouri. Six were saved recently in Hawaii!

Two of our foreign mission families will certainly appreciate your prayers these days. According to the last report received here in the office, Brother Willey is in the hospital in Miami greatly suffering with a tumor in his inner ear. Brother Carlisle Hanna recently suffered a fall and he is currently in the hospital in Calcutta, India, in traction.

In His service, Mark Vandivort (Romans 4: 20)

#### MEETING THE CHALLENGE

February, 1968

GREETINGS TO ALL IN AMERICA:

Late as usual, but with joy we greet you in the lovely name of Christ. Jenell has been very busy this month since it is canning time in Mexico. However, I do want to share with you some of the great blessings that have been ours to enjoy this past month.

The Church in El Canelito has finished two of the Sunday school rooms with two more to go. Also they made new pews for the church.

The church in Rodriguez where Valente and Ruth are laboring report a great victory won. They have begun a program, "SUNRISE WITH JESUS". Since there is no electricity in this village, April 1968

the man who has a power plant and also owner of a local theater, has let them use his plant and sound system so that this program can be heard for miles around.

Since the pastors in the coast area have a general meeting each month, I had planned to attend in February. Just a few days before going, I received a letter from Wade Jernigan and also from Rupert Pixley telling me they were planning a visit to Mexico at exactly this time. This really thrilled my heart! All arrived safe and sound on Monday, the 12th of February. That same night they held services at the church in Monterrey. My, how God blessed our hearts! The house was filled and one man past 65 years of age was saved. He has two daughters in our school but had always been against them being here.

On Tuesday morning we all left for Tampico; the six from the States, the entire student body, David and myself. It was late when we arrived, but they all insisted on having services that night. The word got around and the house was full. A special blessing was received by one of the quartet boys because his mother was saved. It was truly a glorious time! We also held services on Wednesday night. Brother Wade and Brother Pixley both brought the message together with a special song. Heaven came down and many saw their need of Christ.

Early Thursday morning we all left for La Laja, Ver., where the pastors' meeting was to be held. The theme of the meeting was "WHY WE ARE CALLED FREE WILL BAPTIST". This was a series of lectures brought by all the visiting pastors. As the afternoon grew on, so many people began to gather that we knew they would not all fit in the little room. We decided to move outside; but just about service time, it began to rain, so back inside we go, with all the windows and doors open. Bro. Pixley could not move around while preaching. I interpreted for him and the Holy Spriit moved on us both so that a very prominent man in the service was saved. This was a real time of great joy for all and of course it was hard to leave. Many cried and wept as we were leaving.

And this was not all the blessing to be received. When I arrived home, Jenell told me about a former student who had moved but who had started a mission in Sabinas Hidalgo. This is a small town about half way between Monterrey and Laredo, Tex., with some 25,000 people. Bro. Wade had stopped there on his way down and had a Mexican snack. I don't know how he managed to get along because he doesn't speak Spanish and our former student no English. I guess it was a matter of sign language. They all are fine people and need help. There is a rented building but no benches. We all plan to go to hold special services the first few days of March. Any help will be appreciated that you may care to give. Also we received calls from two other near by villages to go and start new works. The field truly is white unto harvest. Help us to take the gospel while there is yet time.

YOUR MISSIONARIES, Arturo and Jenell

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#### MISSOURI FEBRUARY FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING

Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	30.00
Woodrow Matthews, Raytown	10.00
South Side FWB Church, St. Louis	90.00
Central FWB Church, Kansas City	96.19
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge,	10.00
First FWB Church, Kansas City	17.34
First FWB Church, Joplin	10.00
Leadington FWB Church	20.00
Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	26.16
Cooperative Plan of Support	406.22
Eli Stephens, St. Louis	20.00
Rev. William Evans, St. Louis	10.00
Houston FWB Church	10.00
Garfield FWB Church, Thayer	20.00
Oak Grove FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	20.00
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Pleasant Ridge Church, Urbana	10.00
Verdella FWB Church, Liberal	10.00
Glenn Thurston, Kansas City North	3.50
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# NEWS

## FROM OUR BIBLE COLLEGES

BIBLE COLLEGE CHOIR ANNOUNCES 15th ANNUAL TOUR

The 36-voice Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir will visit Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma on its 15th annual tour, April 11-18. The group, under the direction of Mr. David Randlett, will present a program of hymns, anthems, and songs of testimony. Also featured in the program will be the school's brass ensemble and male quartet.

The choir will hold nine services during the 8-day tour, seeking to reach thousands with their testimonies for Christ and the message of the Bible College's ministry. The Rev. Paul Ketteman. Director of Public Relations for the school, will travel with the group and will speak at each of the services.

The tour schedule is: Benton, Illinois, Thursday, April 11; Fredericktown, Mo., Friday, April 12; Farmington, Mo., Saturday, April 13; St. Louis, Mo., Sunday, April 14, a.m. Southside - Berkeley, p.m.; Mountain Grove. Mo., Monday, April 15; Pryor, Okla., Tuesday, April 16; Tulsa, Okla., Wednesday, April 17, New Home; Tulsa, Okla., Thursday, April 18, Northside.

BIBLE COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Dr. Robert Picirilli, registrar for Free Will Baptist Bible College has announced a total enrollment of 467 for the 1967-68 school year. This is an increase of nearly 10 percent over last year's registration of 430 students. In addition to 398 regular day school

students, 41 additional students were enrolled for evening school and 28 extra registrants attended the Bible College's 1967 Summer Session.

Since the school's founding in 1942, it has been constant growth. Eighteen new enrollment records have been set during the Bible College's 26-year ministry. For the past four years, since 1964, each year has broken all previous years' enrollments.

Thirty-four new students entered the Bible College at the opening of the school's second semester. They are:

Mary Jean Coker, Timmonsville, S.C.; L.B. Coley, Goldsboro, N.C.; James R. Daniels, Union Lake, Mich.; Jeanne Dukes Davis, Lake Butler, Fla.; Martha J. Eaddy, Lake City, S.C.; Charlotte Edmonds, Marion, Illinois; Phillip Lance Felts, Joelton,



Tenn.; Marcella L. Fletcher, Ardmore, Okla.; Patricia S. Franks, Jaboticabal, Brazil; Wanda Jean Franks, Tifton, Ga.; Kenneth Lee Frisbee, Akron, Ohio; Vaughn Allen Hoover, Nashville, Tenn.; Jerry Wayne Johnson, Houston, Texas: Josephine R. Lawson, Berkley, Mich.; Billy Jean McCoy, Bixby, Okla.; Loyce McVay, Pensacola, Fla.; Charles Bryan Murphy, Ada. Okla .:

Janie Lee Murphy, Ada, Okla.; Pansy Murray, Hampton, Va.; Peggy Paramore, Nashville, Tenn.; James Parham, Mc-

David, Fla.; Donna Faye Pittman, Asheboro, N.C.; Ann Murrah Reeves, Texarkana, Ark.; Donald Lee Rehkop, Cantwell, Mo.; James Lawrence Roebuck, Greenville, N. C.; Gary Lynn Short, Nashville. Tenn.; William Harold Shutt, Greenbrier, Tenn.; Barbara Jane Simpkins, Ashland City, Tenn.; Paulette Sims, Georgetown, S.C.; Nancy Trimble, Urbana, Ohio; Willie Turnbough, Pleasant View, Tenn.; James E. Vallance, Huntington, W. Va.; Donald Hugh Walker, Detroit, Mich.; Johnny Dale Williams, Cushing, Oklahoma.



#### 1968 SUMMER SESSION COURSES OF INSTRUCTION JUNE 11-28

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL The aim of this course is to prepare students to serve as directors and teachers of Vacation

HEMMENUTICS

This course presents the science of interpreting the Holy Scriptures. After the basic instructor Levis Portlans
passes of Scripture.

1 Semester Hour Instructor: Leroy Forlines

DOCTRINE OF THE SECOND COMING

The Scriptures that relate to the return of our Lord are carefully examined in this course. The various events of the end time are organized and studied.

Instructor Raigh Hampton

ANCIENT HISTORY

Ins is a study of ancient times: civilization, language, philosophy, literature, art, science
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1 Semester Hour Instructor, Charles Thigpen

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION The departmentalized Sunday school is analyzed. Special attention is given to officers and

HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE A study of the development of the English Bible from the old manuscripts to the modern functions. Stately obtains. Stately obtains. Some emphasis will be placed upon the value of modern versions and resultations. Some emphasis will be placed upon the value of modern versions.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with recognized parliamentary procedure.

1 Semester Hour The application of parliamentary law to the transaction of church business receives special attention.

FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE

1 Semester Hour

The purpose of this course is to scripturally examine the teachings of the Free Will Baptist denomination, emphasizing these elements that are distinctive to Free Will Baptists.

LUCAN WRITINGS
This is an analysis of the Gospel of Luke and Acts (Chapters 1-12). Consideration is also place I Semester Mours
John to perfinent introductory material on the author and the conditions surrounding the work

#### ACADEMIC LEVEL AND LOAD LIMIT

Full college credit will be allowed by Free Will Baptist Bible College for all courses taught during the summer session and will be applicable loward a degree or diploma. However, the courses may be taken without the intention of working for college credit. A total of four semester hours may be earned during the summer session. All classes will meet daily

GOD

There has been a lot of talk on the subject, "Is God Dead?" People of our own generation are asking and writing about this question. Books have been written upon this subject.

It was last Sunday morning, February 11, 1968, that I learned just how uncertain people really were about "GOD". A speical speaker was speaking to our church and he brought up the idea of GOD BEING DEAD. How many young people of today are caught up in the world between eternity and the Devil's Hell. All they need is an answer to their question of uncertainity.

So many young people could become devout, loyal Christians if only we could get close enough to them to explain Jesus Christ. And only then will that uncertain feeling depart from their soul. That is, if God has come into their heart by their own will and wanting.

What are we doing to help our young people? They will someday be the leaders of our nation and eventually the whole universe. Do you want people in public offices, and maybe even become the ruler of this mighty nation, if there is uncertainty within their minds?

Just stop for a few minutes and think, have you been doing all you can do in helping Christ in winning souls to GOD, or have you been leaving this up to the pastor of your church? If so, you should be coming aware of this and beginning to do something about it.

I want those who are unsure to listen to what is about to be said. It says in the Bible that for those who shall believeth upon His name shall not perish, but have everlasting life. GOD IS NOT DEAD! He is as much alive today as you and I are, but only if you will believeth in Him. God did not give up His only begotten Son so that we might crucify Him and forget of His mighty power and wonders. God has done many mighty things in His time and is still doing mighty things. There is only one thing God cannot do and that is to make someone believe in Him if they do not want to. This belief has to come from the soul, the heart, and most of all through the belief in Jesus Christ.

Believe in Him and take Him as your personal Saviour. For when this is done, you will feel a sure confidence of safty within your soul.

People! believe me! for I know. For I was lost but now I am free, free from the burden of sin. It's a wonderful feeling to know you are with God, and God is with you, no matter what the problem may be nor how big the problem is. God will lead you the way he wants you to go. But only if He knows you are saved and right with Him.

Most young people think of becoming a Christian as losing all their rights of having fun. I tell you from personal experience, you have all the fun you had ever had and usually find that you have more fun with God than with the Devil, or as some, the inbetween.

When you rejoice with God, you rejoice with the wonders of the world. You find more things going for you than before. You appreciate the church and what it stands for, and you may even be called, as I was, into full time service for the Lord.

You will finally recognize that you had been living a sinful life before taking Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

As I have said over and over, God is not dead, but only unknown to a lot of the young people, as well as the old. So check your own heart and see if you are where you ought to be, and if you find that you are not, do something about it, before it is too late. For the GREAT JUDGEMENT DAY is coming closer and closer. And if God should come back and you are unsaved you will be cast into the Devil's Hell.

So remember that God is still alive and is still saving souls and he wants you to accept him through Jesus Christ if you have not already done so.

ROCKY S. SLAUGHTER Senior in high school Member of Grant Ave. FWB Springfield, Mo.

(Editor's Note: Rocky Slaughter is one of the three men at Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church who just recently announced his call to the ministry.)

# GLEANINGS

FROM THE



Greetings in the name of Jesus. With joy unspeakable we thank God for each association quarterly meeting, church and individual who helped us reach and go beyond our set goal of \$1,000.00 for the Youth Camp Siding Project.

It is my earnest prayer that Our Lord will reward with the salvation of souls.

The work will be underway by the time this report reaches you-a complete list of the names of contributors will be in the next issue of the Gem. Your financial support is helping to make the FWB Youth Camp one of the finest camps of its kind in the

I continually thank my God for our Youth Camp. My son was saved at this Camp in 1957 and my daughter in the year 1966. My son is completing his third year in the FWB Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. One more year and he will begin full time Christian service.

The FWB Youth and their dedicated workers are in many ways responsible for this. I feel they formed a launching pad to full time service for my son and many other young servants of the most High God. Again, I commend you for your faithful support. "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bontifully shall reap bountifully." II Cor. 9: 6.

In His service, Cliff Bowman, Project Chairman

#### SUNNY VIEW CHURCH REPORTS

We, at the Sunnyview FWB Church, thank God for all his goodness to us during the months of February and March. We had four rededications and one soul saved. We have several new families who have started attending church. With God's help, and some good Christian men, our new Sunday School class rooms are finished and ready for use. Our dedication service is planned for the first part of April. Our Sunday School record was broken with 93, February 25. We still desire your prayers at Sunnyview for there are many who need Christ in their lives.

#### FAMILY NIGHT AT LEADINGTON FWB

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church observed Family Night on Wednesday, March 6. Activities began with a covered dish supper. Following the meal, Rev. Frank Guinta, pastor, directed a song service and made various announcements. Individual groups were formed for the remainder of the evening.

The boys and girls enjoyed Chorus Time and a game with the theme, "Come Fly a Kite on Family Night." A devotional, "The Wordless Book" was given by Mrs. Jerry Wilfong. The Helpers and Learners then made Wordless Books in the shape of kites. The Adventureres and Heralds solved Wordless Book Crossword Puzzles and had a Sword Drill. Group leaders were Misses Jo Ellen Wilfong, Cathy Clay, and Mr. Bob Wilfong.

The Woman's Auxiliary meeting was lead by the President, Mrs. Peggy Giunta. Discussion of planned projects was the first item, which included painting chairs in the Junior Department, entertaining the evangelist during the coming revival, the Easter Sunrise service with the Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir, and a clothing collection for the Cuban Emergency Relief Fund during next month. The baptismal robe made by the group last month was shown. Missions Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Wilfong gave a report on Panama and there was special prayer for Cuban refugees and workers. Mrs. Sandy Morris, Program Chairman used the theme, "Revival" and read Phillippians 4: 6,13,19,23, A circle prayer for revival closed the meeting.

FIELDS

Under the direction of Rev. Ben Dees, the Master's Men also followed the program theme of "Revival" and discussed plans for future projects.

Family Night is planned each month at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church and the next meeting will be April 3.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING

The Greater Kansas City Area Quarterly Meeting was held March 8 and 9 at the First Church where Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey

Rev. Lawrence Thompson, pastor of the Victory Church, was the speaker for the Friday night services using the theme of the Quarterly Meeting which was found in Amos 6: 1, as his text, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Special music was presented by a quartet from the Central Church and David and Debbie Painter, Arolo Starnes and Lou Thurston, all from the Victory

The Saturday morning services were opened with singing and Rev. Woodrow Matthews, our moderator, and pastor of the Beacon Church, presiding. The devotion was given by Rev. Charles Black, pastor of the Belton Church, in Belton, Mo. Letters were read and delegates were seated.

Special music for the eleven o'clock worship hour was presented by a preacher's quartet consisting of Rev. James Mc-Allister, Rev. Ted Davis, Rev. Dale Skiles, and Rev. Lawrence Thompson.

Rev. Dale Skiles, Home Missionary in St. Joseph, was the speaker of the hour. His message from II Thess. 2: 3 challenged our hearts as he spoke to us on the unconcern that is in the pulpits, in the pews and for the lost in these last days.

The devotion for the afternoon session was given by Rev. Ted

A report was given by Rev. James McAllister on the work of our State Home Mission Board.

It was voted to give \$25 to the St. Joseph Mission account. Also the churches in the area were urged to support the CTS and Sunday School workshop which will be held at the Central Church on May 3 and 4.

A report of revivals to be held in the area was as follows: April 15-21 at the Victory Church, with Rev. Cliff Bowman as the evangelist; April 24-May 5 at the St. Joseph Mission Church with Rev. Johnny Land as the evangelist; May 5 at the Independance Church with Rev. C. E. Morris as the evangelist; May 22-29 at the Central Church with Rev. B. Spurgeon as the evangelist.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the First Church in June on the 7th and 8th, which will also be the time when we elect officers for the coming year.

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## Valentine Banquets

A "Sweetheart Banquet" for the teens of Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnold, Mo., was held in the assembly room in the church basement, Saturday, February 10. Decorations of red and white streamers and red hearts afforded an attractive setting for the event.

Teens of the church were host to teens of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis, their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Evans, and youth sponsors. The ladies of Grace Church served a delicious meal before the coronation took place.

The program consisted of a skit, "Wedded Bliss" and a film "Carnival of Pretence" and "Inspirational Moments" by Rev. Evans.

A new queen is elected each year by receiving the most votes of 1¢ each from her relatives, friends and neighbors. The teens project this time was to carpet the living room and hall of the parsonage. They received a total of \$257.68.



Pictured is the new Sweetheart Queen and maids. From left to right, they are Linda Hargrove, escort Joe Kisner, Linda Wilt, escort Keith Tallent, Debbie Roach, escort Tom Hubbard, Mrs. Rehkop, the new queen Kathy Kennedy, escort Steve Barron, crown bearer, Pattie Jo Denman, Rev. Rehkop, Linda Collins, escort Ron Long, retiring queen, Yvonne Howard, escort Terry LaBrot.



Pictured is Rev. and Mrs. Rehkop with the queen, Kathy Kennedy, escort Steve Barron, and retiring queen, Yvonne Howard, escort Terry LaBrot.

The teens of Grace are thankful for Rev. and Mrs. Rehkop being sent their way. Rev. Rehkop, a real man of God, has been an inspiration to our teens. We've seen redicications of teen lives and a determination to serve the Lord. The teens of Grace Church desire the prayers of all you readers that they may live a God exalting life before their classmates and neighbors.

Youth Sponsors, Mel and Loice Wilson, Norma Kennedy



FELLOWSHIP VALENTINE BANQUET

On Saturday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m., the Jr.-Jr. High Department of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri, met for their annual Valentine Banquet in the church fellowship hall.

Dinners of fried chicken, potato salad and chips, green beans, and slaw were served to thirty young people and ten adults. Dessert was jello and whipped cream. Favors of after dinner mints and Valentine suckers were at each place setting.

A devotional about kinds of hearts that we might have was given by Pat Morris. Then funny experiences about the young people and teachers were told with a momento of each experience given to each one. Those who were sitting on a chair with a valentine on the bottom were given a prize.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the king and queen, Myra Smith and Steve Bess. The retiring queen, Pam Burcham, read the names which were concealed in red baloons. Myra was presented a lovely rhinestone tiara and each received a box of candy.

The superintendent of the department is Bonnie Horton, Teachers are: Janice Reeves, Betty Reeves, Della Getz, Stanley Morris, Mike Glore.

LEBANON'S VALENTINE ROYALTY



On Tuesday night, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. the Youth of the First Free Will Baptist Church held their annual Sweetheart Banquet. The Banquet was held in the basement of the church which was beautifully deocrated with Valentine hearts, cupids, and red and white streamers.

As the guests arrived, each voted on a Junior and Senior Sweetheart Queen. Vicki Ivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ivey, Lebanon, was chosen Junior Queen and Beverly Cornelison, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Cornelison, was chosen as Senior Sweetheart Queen.

A Sweetheart King was chosen from the eligible young men attending and Bob Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sullivan, was chosen as the 1968 Sweetheart King.

After the coronation ceremony, games such as Musical Valentine, Traveling, and Fortunes were enjoyed by all. Mrs. James Ivey and Mrs. Steve Sullivan (Youth Directors) instructed everyone in these games.

Following the games, refreshments were served.

The banquet climaxed several days of planning and hard work on the part of the youth and the youth instructors. A good time was enjoyed by all.

VALENTINE BANQUET AT GRANT AVE.



"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin," I John 1:7

On February 10, 1968, the C.T.S. Department of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield sponsored their annual Valentine Banquet. This year's banquet was entitled "Am I In Love??"

The program included the invocation, "Thankful Hearts," the meal, the introduction, "Am I In Love??", a short variety show entitled "Variety of Love," musical selections by the Collins Family, the crowning of the Valentine Queen, Miss Terry Hampton, and a devotion given by Bill Swearengin entitled "Love Revealed."

This banquet was enjoyed by approximately seventy-five young people and sponsors. Each one in attendance, I'm sure, would like to say, "Thank You!" to all those who helped in any way to make this year's banquet the success that it was.

Pictured are Miss Terry Hampton, the queen, and her attendants, Miss Janice Felts and Miss Sharon Grissom. The queen was selected by the amount of money she received as votes. The money was sent to help with the New Mission Associational Cabin at Youth Camp.

Dianna Hagan Grant Avenue FWB Church Springfield, Missouri

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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#### MISSION OFFERING

The West Plains Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary met March 4 with 13 members and a visitor present. Open song was "Bringing in the Sheaves". Scripture reading was from Matt. 20: 19,20. Prayer by Effie Lou Moss. Each officer gave following reports:

Secretary-Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Corresponding secretary report of sending 15 cards and letters the past month.

Study Course Chairman received special seal for the standard study course we had on missions.

Missions chairman reported on missions in the state of Missouri.

Effie Lou Moss was selected to take charge of the Program Prayer, due to the sickness of the present Program Prayer Chairman.

It was voted to pay for a 2-column advertisement in our daily paper to help advertise our coming revival with Rev. Wade Jernigan as the evangelist. It was voted to send Rev. Lloyd Plunkett \$10.00 as a birthday gift. Sis. Roda Toms became a new member.

Our lesson was "Commissioned By Christ". It was very interesting. Topics were given by drawing names. The following names were drawn: Gene Caldwell, Nellie Gregory, Tula Johnson, Gracie Stephen, and Eudene Adkisson.

We closed by a circle prayer.

#### FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY REPORTS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo., held their March meeting at the church on Monday, March 4, with ten members present.

"Bringing in the Sheaves" was selected for the opening hymn for the evening. The program, entitled "Commissioned By Christ", was presented. Prayer by Mary Gruiskaber. The scripture for the evening was taken from Matthew 28: 19-20 and read by the president, Verna Malone.

The lesson, directed by Janet Bailey, was presented in question and answer form with each one present taking part in the discussion.

The business session opened with reports from each circle and committee. A briefing on our District Meeting, to

be held April 23, at the Parkview Free Will Church in Desloge, was given by Verna Malone.

The program closed with prayer by Mrs. Hilderbrand.

#### COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS AT BERKELEY CHURCH

We are thankful for the good attendance we are having since our meetings have been moved to the first Wednesday night of the month. We call it "Family Night". Our women have been having cottage prayer meetings almost every week, either in the home of a shut-in or in one of the member's home. We feel the presence and power of God in these prayer meetings. We feel it is a strength to our church.

Our auxiliary sends get-well cards to shut-ins. We made our missionary, Glenda Flucher, an apron with each ladies name embroidered on it. We have been enjoying the good lessons from the Co-Laborer and thank God for the women who write these lessons. We ask for the prayers of our fellow Christians that we may work harder for the cause of missions.

#### MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Joplin Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Tuesday evening, February 13, in the fellowship room of the church. Our theme was "Portraits". The decorations carried out the Valentine colors of red and white with floral arrangements on the head table and the piano. After dinner a program entitled, "Reviewing the Family Album", was presented. Those who participated on the program were Mrs. Barbara Oxendine and daughter, Susan, Mrs. Deane Eaton and daughters, Claudie and Marta, Mrs. Lucy Largent and LaDorra Durbin, Mrs. Mary White and daughters, Linda and Brenda, Mrs. Thelma Ford, Mrs. Opal Williams, and Mrs. Delois Loveless. Special music was given by Mrs. Thelma Ford who sang "Faith of our Mothers", and Mrs. Barbara Oxendine and Susan, who sang "What a Day That Will Be". There were forty-eight present.

Mrs. Delois Loveless

#### AUXILIARY SPONSORS BANQUET

The month of February has been a busy one for the Woman's Auxiliary of the First FWB Church of Festus. We started off the month with a Sweetheart Banquet, February 6. There were 47 in attendance for the program and the banquet meal. The program consisted of a devotion on the family by Rev. Stallings, the pastor, followed by a "sing along". The Auxiliary presented a funny fashion show which supposedly gave a preview of the new



fashions for Easter.
On February 11, the Auxiliary took a box of gifts to the Auxiliary's treasurer who had been in the hospital for five weeks and just gotten to come home. She is recovering nicely.

#### MANY PROJECTS PLANNED AND ACCOMPLISHED

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church, Raytown, met February 1, at the home of Mrs. Jean Williams with 11 members present.

During the business session it was decided to sponsor a Valentine Banquet for the young people as a February project, and to buy a set of stainless steel flatware for the mission provision closet, and visit a shut-in as projects for March. A detailed report on Brazil as Mission Field for the month was presented by Mrs. Sue Cook.

As we began our Co-Labour study, Mrs. Janice Moore sang "Teach Me to Pray." The program on Prayer and Power in Missions was presented by Mrs. Blanche Matthews and Mrs. Polly Ellis. After a short period of discussion the meeting was concluded by prayer, and refreshments were served by the hostess.

Polly Ellis, Correspondent Secretary

#### FAITH FWB AUXILIARY REPORTS

The Ladies Auxiliary collected donations from department and grocery stores. It was a pleasure to give out eight Christmas baskets of food and toys.

Cookies and candy were sent to our service boys overseas and in the States.

The ladies have also redecorated the nursery at church.

Ladies from Berkeley F.W.B.C. and Ladies from Berkeley F.W.B.C. and Faith met at Southside for a study course. This was a well-prepared lesson, taught by Jerry Plummer. With God's understanding it will be helpful to us now and in the future.

Our church has a good visitiation program now. In the name of our Lord we pray many will see the light of Jesus.

Glenda Washam Cor. Secretary

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Buffalo FWB Church	54.77
Edith Blair, Kansas City	10.00
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Victory FWB Church, Kansas City	10.00
Calvery FWB Church, Conway	21.34
First FWB Church, Mountain Grove	116.50
Ronald Barr, Arnold	5.00
Hannon FWB Church, Liberal	23.30
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	20.61
Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
Rock Chapel Church, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Lone Star Church, Seymour	37.53
First FWB Church, Cape Girardeau	<b>13.</b> 00
Woman's Auxiliary, Overland FWB Church, Overland	5.00
New Harmony Sunday School, Greentop	22.94
First FWB Church, Springfield	28.00
Fourth FWB Church, St. Louis	10.00
Hazel Creek C.T.S., Kirksville	5.00
Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Alvie Francis, St. Louis	10.00
Grace FWB Church, Arnold	34.79
Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	16.00
Lowground FWB Church, Novinger	5.00
Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
V.F.W.B. Youth, Iantha	12.62
Alton FWB Church	12.00
First FWB Church, El Dorado Springs	10.00
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	25.00
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge	40.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church, Bonne Terre	22.50
Mrs. W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Cuba F.W.B. Church	33.75
Lloyd D. Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Ronald Barr, Arnold	5.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church	135.00
Earl R. Brakefield, St. Louis	44.00
Miss Geneva Barks, St. Louis	25.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	4.55
Coy W. Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	30.00
Clifford D. Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
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#### HOME MISSIONS PRAISE AND PRAYER March, 1968

MONTOGOMERY, ALABAMA — Reverend E. B. Ledlow reports an average of 43 in January. The Montgomery church has recently called Reverend Paul Weaver as pastor. Reverend Weaver will assume the pastorate of the Montgomery church on March 1, and Reverend Ledlow will begin his itinerary in Alabama to raise support for another project in Decatur, Alabama.

Pray for the Montgomery church and Brother Paul Weaver as they make this pastoral change and pray that Brother Ledlow will be able to quickly raise his support in preparation for the Decatur project.

PORTLAND, OREGON - Reverend Postlewaite writes that he is encouraged with recent progress in the Portland church. Continue to pray for new families to be saved. Pray for the salvation of the children in Mrs. Postlewaite's Bible classes. Pray as the Portland church considers a bond program.

MEXICO — Pray for Arthur and Jenell Billows, Dave Cochrane, and the native workers as they carry on the important ministry of the Institute of God. Pray for Arthur as he makes

regular contacts with the outlying churches and missions. Pray as plans develop for Vacation Bible Schools and youth camps this summer.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON - Reverend Lloyd Plunkett reports that the building is crowded and they are desperately in need of more seating capacity. Pray as the Seattle church works on this problem.

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY - Reverend Les Carney says, "We have a real praise item. For sometime there has been a lack of any real prospects through our constant visiting, however; after much praying, we have located 15 prospective families this month. We are trusting the Lordfor them through our follow-up visitation. Some are Christians already who are new in the area but most are unsaved. Do pray that we will reach them for Christ.

- 1. Pray for the families mentioned above that  $\operatorname{God}$  will give them to us.
- 3. Next month the Trenton mission is supposed to begin its next phase of "Project 30" that is, assume 50% of the financial responsibility. Pray God will increase our number so as to meet this definite and immediate need. If He does not, the mission will not be able to assure their responsibility.
- 3. Pray for us that God would give us wisdom from on High in dealing with some problems that arise from time to time.
- 4. Pray for a lady of Catholic background who is very interested in the gospel. She has a son aboard the Pueblo.
- 5. Pray for a good prospective family of Missionary Baptist background.
- 6. Pray for a third family in which the husband is of Catholic background and the wife of Baptist background. This family has recently had a son killed in Vietnam."

YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA - Pray much for the new mission in Yarmouth. There are currently about four families participating. The Forest Glen church continues to progress. Reverend Owens reports that Free Will Baptists of Nova Scotia and the Free Baptist Association of Nova Scotia have developed a close working relationship.

CHRISTIANSTED, ST. CROIX — Reverend Larry Powell writes, "Last evening I sat on the platform at the Frederiksted Baptist Church with Dr. William Tolbert, President of Baptist World Alliance and President of Liberia Baptist Convention (and ball of fire when it comes to preaching the Gospel). I was completely 'taken'. This 'big shot' is really humble and preaches like an 'old time' gospel preacher. He really lowered the boom on sin and the devil's crowd. I had a part on the program with Cliff Bubar and Clyde Simpson.

I'm concerned with the fact that we are having so few saved. Our number has not increased much. We are looking for a house. Our present living room is too small for a meeting place. Being so crowded for Sunday morning services is becoming uncomfortably hot, as summer is drawing near here. My big problem here is that we get someone saved and the next week he's gone. Get a family coming to church and the next thing you know they're packing up to go back to the states. If we could hold on to all that have come to our services, we would have a very impressive crowd. This is really a Gentile culture. These have no Christian heritage (as people in the States have, who don't realize how precious it is). These men have more wives, more women, and more children scattered from one island to another than you can count. There's a saying I used to hear back home, 'get a man saved and you've got your problems solved.' Well, that's certainly not the case here. Get a man or woman saved here and your headaches have just begun.

We are still happy that God has given us a place to witness and I can see that in a number of years we will have a church here, but it's going to take more, much more, than three years unless the Lord works a miracle. People are getting to know us pretty well and we are getting called upon for help now from people here and there. For this we are thankful. Oh! but it seems so slow! I feel badly about spending so much of the Lord's money on rent and having so little to show for it (visible).

Well, I praise the Lord that I'm alive and able to witness and I wouldn't be anywhere else in the world. Pray for us that God will give me a revival in my heart and on this island."

# REMEMBER! PRACTICAL WORK CONFERENCES

SUNDAY SCHOOL and CTS
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SUNDAY SCHOOL and CTS
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for

District #3 at West Plains and District #4 at Berkeley City

### 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, 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.

DISTRICT #3 - Date: May 4. Location: WEST PLAINS FWB CHURCH, West Page 12

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 Spring-dale, 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, Wright.

#### 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.

Free Will Baptist Gem

# GOD, CHURCH & HOME

2 Chronicles 7: 14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

You can travel tens of thousands of miles anywhere on this earth and you will find religion. There was a time when America was truthfully a Christian Nation. That was yesteryear, not now! America is a religious nation—almost everybody belongs to a church. Thousands go to church on Sunday morning, but where do they go Sunday afternoon and night? Where are they on prayer meeting night? Someone said, "I do not get too much out of church services because one of the choir members works in a liquor store all week and then gets up on Sunday morning and sings hymns." Where that case is known to this one person, there are thousands of others in the land. You can do anything in the world you want to today and stay in the average church. The reason, many of the preacher's are no better than the man in the pew, and the man in the pew knows it.

Pagans believe in a God, but they do not "GLORIFY HIM AS GOD." They worship trees, monkeys, snakes, the moon, stars, chickens and so on. They know there is a being somewhere bigger than they. Modernism is a mild form of Paganism right here in America.

People of America need to go to the mourner's bench and confess their sins and be saved, for the Bible says, "For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3: 23.

I thank God I believe the old-time way and not the modern way. You know and I know that the old-time relgion beliefs are on their way out in America.

When America turns to the sports areans instead of prayer meetings, when our America turns to lust of the flesh instead of the fruits of the Spirit, when American women begin to undress and show their bodies in public places before men, when physical beauty becomes the God of a nation, and they seek the things of the body instead of the soul, when the music of America deteriorates to the place that it glorifies lust and sex, when America loses its respect for womanhood and becomes diseased from the sole of the foot to the crown of the head, when America begins to laugh at the Bible, and its preachers begin to compromise the Gospel to fit the hypocrite in the pew, we can see it is on its way out.

It is a terrible thing for people to take the six days God gives them and then steal the Lord's one day. Many people today in America are church members and they do not know the meaning of the word "worship". They are good church members, but they do not know the first thing about being born again, or knowing God, It is alarming and astonishing at the ignorance of God's word in a land that is supposed to be Christian.

In 1st John 2: 15 the Bible says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Yet what do we have? Children that can name every leading movie star, but they do not know whether it was John or Judas who betrayed the Lord Jesus. Mothers know the most popular television stars, but they do not know who said, "Come unto me, ALL ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Dads can tell their boys who won the world series, but they cannot tell their boys how to find salvation from sin and hell. Christian America, when the majority know more about Hollywood than they know about God, more about sports than they do the Spirit, more about funnies than they do about Heaven, working six days and stealing the Lord's Day for their own worldly pleasure, stealing the money that the Lord has allowed them to earn. Listen, people, you don't have one thing that has not been given you. If God had not given you hands, feet and health you couldn't even earn money to buy bread. What can save us? The answer is singular! A Heaven-sent revival! How can we have it? Junk the funny paper reading for Bible reading, theatre going, liquor drinking, card playing, backscratching, ear tickling, compromising, soft-soaping, cornercutting, aim-at-nothing, hit-nothing preachers and get some like Daniel, John the Baptist, Amos or Paul in our American pulpits and we will have a sin killing revival! As long as you have the world in the church we will never have a revival in America. God save us from destruction. God send us a revival of old-time religion that will put the Bible back in the home, the family alter back into operation, clothes back on men and boys, women and girls, and hell fire preaching back into our pulpits.

The Bible says, "The friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4: 4.

Pauline Gillam Member Overland F.W.B. Church

#### FOURTH CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL

We would like to announce a revival for April 29 through May 8, 1968, with Rev. Don Pegram of North Carolina as our evangelist.

Leamon L. Killion

February 5, 1968 205 Buckley Street Flat River, Missouri

Dear Bro. Hill,

Just a few lines this evening. It has been so long since I have written you. My wife went home to be with the Lord January 29, 1968. She was a wonderful wife and mother. We miss her so much. She was always ready to go to the services when she was able, and went some when she wasn't able.

I am not pastoring anywhere now. I pray that the good Lord will open a place for me, for that is the consolation I have left. I love my Jesus and love to tell of His love and preach the Gospel. I can be contacted at GE 1-4683 at night. Daytime, call GE 1-3395, and ask for Wayne Burcham. Or contact Bro. Tom Malone in Flat River, Missouri.

As ever your brother in Lord Jesus, Rev. Clarence Burcham 205 Buckley Street Flat River, Missouri

Dear Bro. Bud,

I would like to take this time to say hello to all Christians in the state of Missouri. I would like to thank the Lord Jesus

Christ for the many blessings He has given us at Meramec Heights Church in the past few weeks.

We have had two conversions for Jesus Christ. One man was saved at a Cottage Prayer Meeting. Thank God for all this. This has renewed our vigor here at the church.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Webb family to our church. They joined our church about six weeks ago. They came to us from the Chicago Heights Free Will Baptist Church. Also the Boyer family, who recently joined. Thank God for Brother Boyer's life. He gave his life to the Lord in a recent prayer meeting.

Our building program is just about finished at Meramec Heights. I would like to thank all the people who have donated their time to this project. The Lord repays for all the things done for His cause.

We would like to officially welcome Bro. Askern as our pastor. He came to pastor our church in November. May the Lord richly bless him and his family.

We are having a revival April 8 through April 13. Evangelist will be Bro. Glenn Rekhop of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church.

In closing, I would like to say to all Christians, "Let us pray together as they did on the day of Pentecost. If we do we can have a great revival all over this great state of ours. Remember, all things are possible through the Lord Jesus Christ."

#### FORMER MISSOURIAN ACCEPTS CHURCH IN TENN.

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## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

First Free Will Baptist Neosho, Missouri

Dear GEM Readers,

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. It has been quite some time since I have written concerning the church here in Neosho. Last year we had five additions to our church, and in January of this year we had three. Two of these were Bro. and Sis. Bill Brown, who came to us by letter from the General Baptist demonination, and the other being Sis. Ward, who came to us on profession of faith having been baptized by immersion.

We were sorry to have leave us Bro. and Sis Floyd Ferguson and daughter Judy, who moved to Oklahoma. We had a going away fellowship dinner on Sunday, January 28 for this family. The dinner

was enjoyed by all.

February 11 and 18 are being observed as youth Sundays, with our youth teaching classes and having a youth choir. Pray for your youth. Also continue to pray for us and our pastor, Rev. Cecil Campbell, as we try to reach the lost of this town.

Your sister in Christ, Violet Mahaffey, reporter

Dear Brother Hill,

We just received the GEM here in the office. I would like to commend you for a good issue. I especially appreciate your editorial. God needs men and women in our generation who love Jesus and are not ashamed of Him. Certainly it grieves my heart that people, in some cases, are so reluctant to be identified with Free Will Baptists.

In Christ,

Mark Vandivort
Assistant to Director
Home Mission Board

Route #3 Desoto, Missouri 63020

Dear Bro. Hill,

I read GEM a lot and have found it a great blessing. I enjoy
I read GEM a lot and have found it a great blessing. I enjoy
writing people very much but all my friends live so close that I
see them every day. So I would like to write to some soldier who
would like to hear from someone from the States. Could you
please send me some information. I want to help people so I pray
that my letters might help some soldier in some way. I even
want to be a missionary when I'm older, so please pray for me.
Thank you with Chrisitan love,

Ladonna Carey

(Editor's Note: Can you help her?)

Route #3 DeSoto, Missouri 63020

Dear Bro. Hill,

I am writing for two reasons. One is to say how much I enjoy GEM. The other is concerning the article "New Breed of Soldiers and Chaplains in Vietnam". I would like the name of a chaplain I could write to. I'm a Christian and would like to write to someone I could talk to about the Lord. And maybe cheer someone up in this war. I feel I would get a blessing out of this and maybe someone else also. Could you please send a name of a chaplain or a list of chaplains I could write to and maybe get some of my Christian friends to write also. Please help me if

you can or let me know who I could get in touch with about this. Thank you very much.

A Christian friend, Margaret Carey

(Editor's Note: Why don't more of us feel more concerned? Will you help her?)

#### IN MEMORY

In memory of one of God's servants and a loving husband, Rev. Arthur T. Warren, who went to be with Jesus on April 17, 1964.

Your memory to us is a keepsake with which we will never part; Though God has you in His keeping, we'll always have you in our heart.

Written by his wife, Mrs. Lola O. Warren Alton, Missouri

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1967

	July	August	September	October 9	November 0	December	January	February
Fellowship, Flat River	113	231	227 123	156				100
Farmington	113		118	128		121	116	
Southside, St. Louis	114	122	123		138			117
Trinity, St. Louis	114	$\frac{104}{125}$	123	146 123		118	11/	149
Kirksville	176	184	186	186	122 189	110	1.75	100
Grant Ave., Springfield		49	38			163		188
Viburnum Church	47		36	46	40	43	43	44
Mine La Motte	46	29		25		31	17	
KoshKonong		49	55	59	59	57	43	51
First, Mtn. Grove	303	279	294	293	285	260		
Desloge	80	91	93	91	91	74	74	82
First, Springfield	211	200	208	222	232	187	and the last of th	213
Hannon	65	69	60	62	68	59	54	63
Leadington	137	138	139	143	140	107	112	133
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	183
West Plains	182	182	175	176	169	177	162	169
First, Lebanon	115	106	121	115	108	96		
Myrtle Church	62	52	59	62	66	66	50	67
Twin City Ch., Festus	39	49	60	51	60	47	49	
Hartville Church	69	60	69	67	68	57	64	67
Salem Church		27	34	27	28	5/		-
Cape Girardeau	18	16	28	28	25	16	24	48
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	93	92	92	85	86	79	2 <b>4</b> .	10
Sunnyview, Lebanon				69	63	59	67	78
Desoto	38	35	49	51	52	47	41	52
Grace Church	156	169	45	180	169	138		32
East Independence Church	28	27	39	100	109	100	154	
Berkeley	277	315	302	211		201	48	
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Central Church	115	134	139	151	157			
Thayer	125	113	108	111	1.25	124	102	129
Liberty Church			76	76	66	53	53	
Alton	95	83	79	78	85	66	51	
Meremac Heights					32	27	25	40
Neosho			41	41	38	32	35	10
Overland				243			162	201
St. Joseph				LIJ	200	102	102	18
Cuba					107	101	89	92
Gateway Church, St. Louis				59	49			32
Gateway Church, St. Louis				33	43	42		

#### Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

#### FEBRUARY 1968 CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS:

Jefferson City	Dec.& Jan.	
Monett	Jan.	105.85
Beacon	Jan.	103.07
West Plains, Bethel	Jan.	57.00
Parkview	Jan.	83.83
Central		138.66
Viburnum	Jan.	51.26
Eldorado	Jan.	8.19
Waynesville	Jan.	21.42
Cape Girardeau	Jan.	22.87
Mt. Pisgah	Jan.	18.00
Thayer	Jan.	31.63
Overland	Jan.	242.00
Mt. Grove	Jan.	191.88
Leadington	Jan.	110.00
Desoto	Jan.	39.80
Farmington	Jan.	185.32
Independence	Jan.	27.00
Grace	Jan.	156.00
Victory	Jan.	122.03
Merl's Chapel	Jan.	16.75
Hannon	Jan.	46.60
New Harmony Sunday		4.10
Carterville	, 5011001	16.90
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Copper Mines		40.00
	months	36.00
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Willow Springs FWB	Offering	20.00
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	Dec.& Jan.	69.95
South Side	Feb.	125.00
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West Plains, Bethel	Feb.	48.00
Fellowship	Feb.	50.00
Waynesville	Feb.	54.93
Garfield	Feb.	24.98
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St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting assembled with the Farmington Church Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3. The youth, from their respective churches, rendered the entire program Friday evening. Rev. James Barker delivered the morning sermon Saturday.

We welcome into Southeast Missouri Association, Flat River First Church's new pastor, James O'Dell. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative Program, which each of their churches support loyally.

Pastor Bob King and Farmington Church did a fine job hosting the Quarterly meeting.

Sunday morning, February 4, Idelivered the message in our Viburnum Church. Rev. John Long is the pastor here. Sunday evening, February 4, I delivered the sermon in our Salem Church. Rev. Max Courtney is the pastor here. Viburnum and Salem Churches both support the Co-Operative Plan regularly.

Saturday, February 10, Pastor James McCully and Granby Church hosted Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting. Ministers, preaching on previously assigned subjects were: Lloyd Jefferies, O.T. Allred, Lester Nuttings, and Russell Gains. Rev. Alton Lovelace delivered the principal sermon for the morning hour. Good harmony and spiritual fellowship prevailed throughout the meeting. Time was given four our Missouri Cooperative Program.

Sunday, February 11, in response to an invitation from Pastor Dale Underwood and Jones Chapel Church, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon there. Sunday evening I delivered the message in our Monett Church. Pastor James Franklin is enjoying a fruitful ministry in Monett Church. We rejoice with both congregations to witness new converts actively laboring for the Master with them.

Sunday afternoon, February 18, Pastor Davie Combs and I conducted the funeral service for Brother Abner Rhodes. A pioneer Free Will Baptist layman for more than three score years in the Cave Springs Association. We extend our sincere sympathy in behalf of his companion and fine Christian family surviving him.

Sunday morning, February 18, I visited our Koshkonong Church and preached the 11 a.m. sermon there. Some resident adult people have been saved there recently and joined the church to labor for the Lord with them and their pastor, Davie Combs.

Pastor Ezra Butts and our Willow Springs Church, near Mt. Grove, extended an invitation for the Sunday evening service there February 18. I delivered the evening sermon. Also explained the Co-Operative Plan of support to which they contributed an offering.

Sunday morning, February 25, we enjoyed a good service with our Berkley Church. I was privileged to deliver the Gospel message for the worship hour. Through the leadership of Pastor Clarence Burton, Berkley Church continues to move forward, winning souls for the Lord. This outstanding church tops the list in Co-Operative effort and giving in our Missouri State work, plus special missionary support and full participation in all phases of our denominational enterprises.

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