

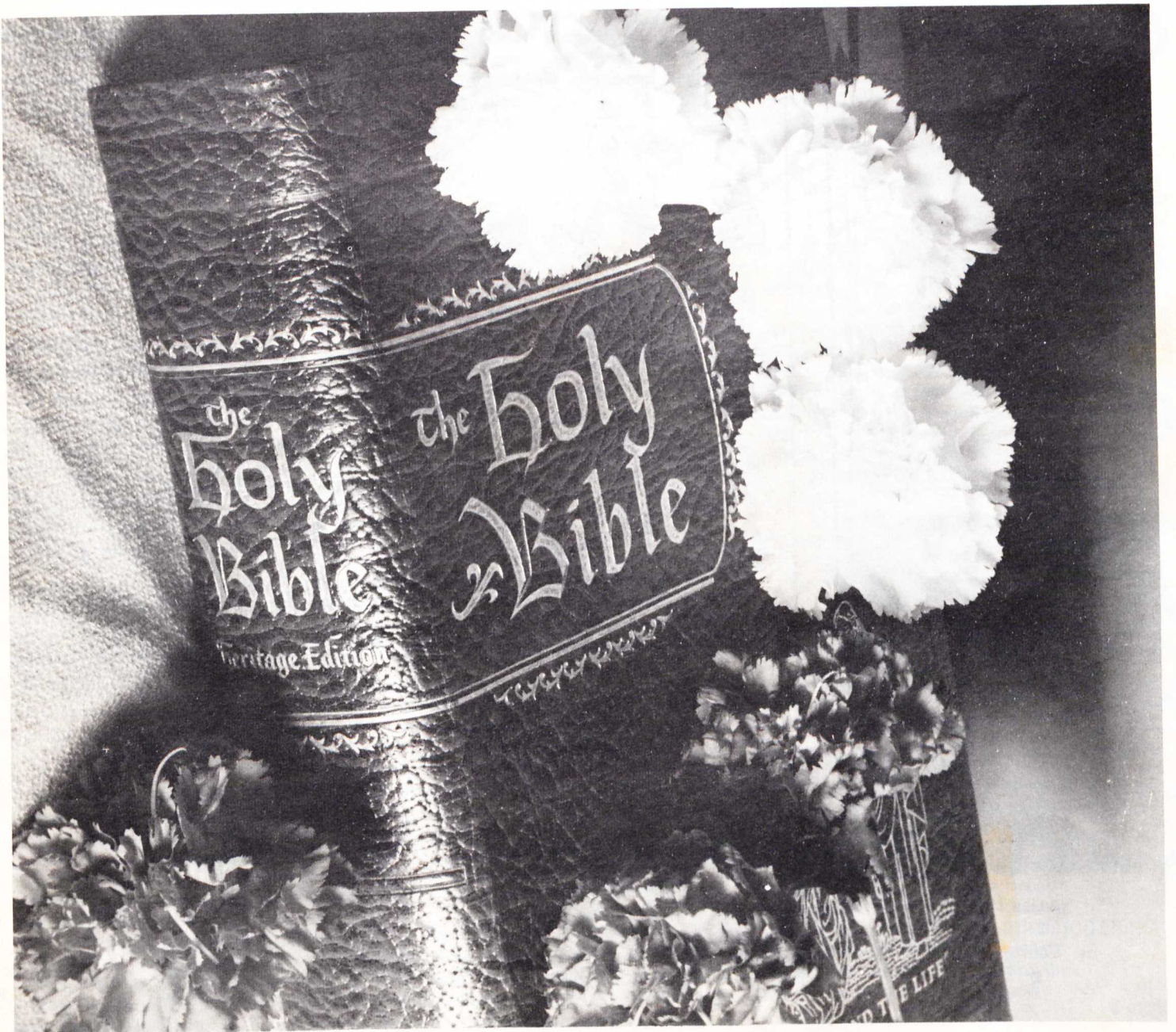
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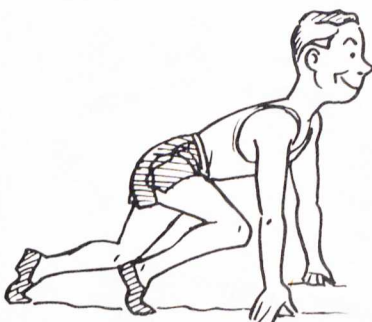
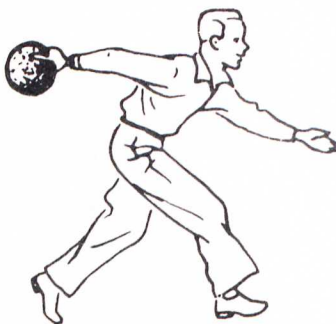
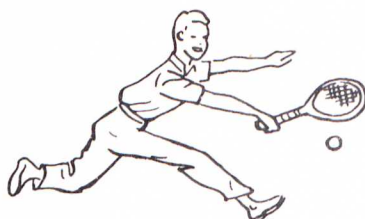


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THE CHRISTIAN TEENS IN SPORTS

BY DONNIE BRANSON

Some of you may think it's wrong for
the Christian to go out for sports, that
he can spend his time better by serving
the Lord. But he is serving the Lord
because if he is not witnessing by word
of mouth, he is witnessing by his actions.
You can tell who the Christian is on the
football field, basketball court or base-
ball diamond by how he acts. Also by how
he always puts out all the energy he has,
or how he never complains about some
referees call that he didn't like.

I think most team members today are
Chrisitan or at least believe there is a
God, because the non-Christian would prob-
ably give-up and quit because he doesn't
have the drive that someone has when he
knows the Lord.

I remember back during football season,
we would always have a silent prayer,
not asking to win, but for the Lord to
watch over us so everyone would come
through the game uninjured. Also that
we would be good sportsmen, win or
lose. You could always feel the Lord was
right there on the field with you, watching
over and guiding you.

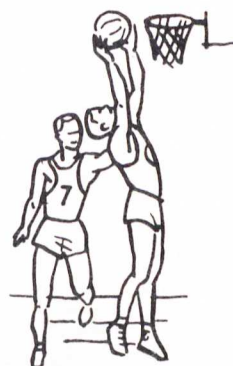
Even for a Chrisitan, the way may not be
easy, but it is worth the fight and you
need not walk alone.

Isaiah knew this when he wrote:

"Even youths shall faint and be weary,
And young men shall fall exhausted; But
they who wait upon the Lord shall renew
their strength, they shall mount up with
wings like eagles, they shall run and not
be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40: 30-31

*The author of this article, Donnie Bran-
son, is a member of the Grant Avenue
F.W.B. Church, Springfield, Mo. Donnie
played football and was on the wrestling
team at Central High School in Spring-
field.



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WE ARE WATCHING OUR

BY REV. JOHNNIE LAND, EVANGELIST

In answer to the disciples question, "What shall be the sign of the end of the world?" Jesus replied, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Mat. 24: 12) Now we all know sin is no new thing. It is as old as Adam at least. We also know it was abounding "iniquity" that brought forth God's abounding Grace. (Romans 5: 20)

I believe it is no secret that the modern tide of morality in our nation today is without parallel in the history of civilization. Recently Look Magazine published a scorching expose entitled "Morality U.S.A.". In this, Gov. George Romney-Michigan, states and quote: "Our greatest danger is the decline in religious conviction and moral character." End of quote. I believe we are living in the eleventh hour. Jesus is coming, my prayer is that God will send a Holy Ghost revival in the church of America, it is our only hope.

THE NEW MORALITY "that some call it", is nothing more than the Devil's old lie, but the fact remains there are strange concepts today, even among the clergy. One is amazed at the points of unbelief evident among many of them. There is definitely a division on whether to believe all the Bible, or just part of it--whether to leave out the miraculous and supernatural, or supernatural, or substitute humorism. One small foolish group even proclaims dolefully that God is dead. "I wonder why?" Could it be that we who profess to know the living God, have failed to let our light shine? Could it be somewhere along the line, that the Biblical guide-lines concerning morality have been compromised? Paul said (I Cor. 14: 8) "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" If the preachers in our nation fail to sound out the true note of the Gospel, we are doomed!

Paul said, (II Tim. 4: 2) "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." I believe that "now" is the most challenging time in the history of our nation, for the God-called preacher.

I believe; that we as Gospel ministers, have become soft, complacent, and satisfied with the status quo. None of us has ever suffered for the Gospel's sake! We haven't really given God anything. We have just accepted His blessings! Christ's disciples paid a great price to get the Gospel to the world. They were willing to die for it.

The problems of our nation can never be solved by legislative bodies--they must be solved by God! America must fall on it's knees, from the White House to skid-row, and cry out to God for a spiritual awakening! It is our only hope. Our nation is in the midst of a moral crisis. And most people hate to admit we are in any kind of danger. But nevertheless, the fruits of moral decay is all around us. The Hippie, the pregnant high school girl, the dope addict, and the freedom of sex. Television depicts shoot-em-up violence as the American way of life. The movies, are almost entirely obsessed with sex. While driving down a street in St. Louis a few weeks ago, I noticed a long line of people standing in the rain. I thought, "Boy, this must really be something important." But it wasn't long until I could see that it was a theater. And above, surrounded by brilliant neon lights, were the words, "The Dirty Dozen". And as I drove on down the street, I thought, "What a sad commentary, here was at least two hundred people standing in a cold rain to get inside to feed their minds and souls on filth (anyway, that's what the title suggests), while God's house is nearly empty on Sunday nights." I believe this alone is a sign of moral decay in the land.

Our newspapers are filled with stories of immorality in various parts of the nation. The moral problem of the United States has become so serious that it is alarming. Nearly every nation of the past fell because of immorality and cor-

ruption.

It seems to me in the study of God's Word, this is the sin God hates the most. And the disturbing fact about it is that we are no longer disturbed about what is happening and to many, it is no longer sin.

One of our nation's magazines sometime ago carried an article about some clergyman who believes that a trial marriage should precede the great marriage. What about God's Word? I wonder if this so-called clergyman knows God has something to say about these things, but many have in these last days been seduced by the Devil in believing that the Bible is not God's revelation, and salvation is to come through man, and not through Christ. And that morality is relative and not absolute, and because of the wide spread acceptance of this humanism and fleshy theology it has produced a freedom of sex that has swept our college campuses and permeated the high school classrooms, and morals are laughed out of the school, along with the theory that God is old-fashioned. The Supreme Court has decided the Bible shall not be taught in the schools. So in the light of this, what else can we expect out of our youth? Yes! Our nation is dying morally--because we are abandoning the Word of God, which gives definite direction for moral standards for individuals or nations.

Thousands of our young people are coming up to be immoral and there is no wonder why.

THE BIBLE WARNS time and time again that no immoral nation can survive and that no immoral person can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. One of the Ten Commandments says: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

I am keenly aware this is a very delicate subject, and it is considered "taboo" by many preachers today, and I wonder why?--the newspapers talk about it, pornographic writers make it the theme of their writing; television is obsessed with it; children talk about it. And besides all this, the Bible has plenty to say about it, so why in the name of all that is decent and holy, don't preachers preach the Word about it and sound the warning against it? Oh, pardon me, while I try to answer this question--

First: One of the reasons is that it takes backbone and guts to do so. Our nation is running out of that kind and our modern day colleges and seminaries are not turning out that kind seemly anymore; but I believe God is still calling that kind. Our nation is dying morally because too many preachers in the pulpit have a string of par-boiled spaghetti for a backbone when it comes to preaching the whole council of God's Word.

Second: Some preachers won't preach against immorality because it wouldn't be pleasing to his congregation. Let us look into the Word of God concerning this (Gal. 1: 10) "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. . ." This man-pleasing preaching is abominable in the eyes of God. I believe now is the most challenging time in the history of our nation for the Gospel preacher. I believe God is counting on us whom He has called to be faithful in preaching His Word. "Jesus said, 'Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you; for so did their fathers to the false prophets.'" (Luke 6: 26)

Thirdly: Some preachers won't preach against immorality because it might put them out of a job. Their motto is "let sleeping dogs lie".

We as God-called servants, should remember that the ministry is not a job, but a calling from God. And may I add, the very highest calling. I like the words of the Apostle Paul in Phil. 1: 17--"Knowing that I am set for the defense of the Gospel." And again in I Cor. 9: 16 -- "For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me, if I preach not the Gospel." I think the

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CAVE SPRINGS DISTRICT WA MEETS

Woman's District Auxiliary of the Cave Spring Association met February 29, 1968 at 6:30 p.m. with the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church in Thayer, Mo. for thesecond district meeting. All four local auxiliaries were present.

Sister Gay Combs, local president of Thayer Woman's Auxiliary, called the meeting to order, welcoming each one present. After singing a hymn, and prayer by Sister Clara Allen, the district president, Sister Phyllis Miller, was in charge. Her devotional was the four words "W.N.A.C."

Minutes were read and approved. Delegates were seated at this time. All officers gave a report.

There was no old business. New business: A Nominating Committee was nominated and elected. The Committee is composed of five members—Gevena Sorrel, Myrtle, Mo.; Tula Johnson, West Plains, Mo.; Gay Combs, Thayer, Mo.; Barbara James, Alton, Mo.; Maurene Holman, Thayer, Mo.

Section III Credential Committee—This committee is composed of three members: Dorothy Kerr, Alton, Mo.; Fern Hickenbotham, Thayer, Mo.; Rosa Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.

Section III Finance Committee—This committee is composed of three members: Effie Lue Moss, West Plains, Mo.; Doris Brown, Myrtle, Mo.; Bertha Wright, Alta, Mo.

Motion was made and carried to have the next executive meeting April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Plains Church. The next district meeting will be May 16, at 6:30 p.m. with the West Plains Church.

The business meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Sister Hattie Sims, District Stewardship, was in charge of the programs. Scripture reading was I Samuel 16: 7. The following program was given by the four local auxiliaries:

West Plains, Mo. - Object Lesson, God looketh on the heart. A quiz on missionaries.

Alton, Mo. - Sermonett - The State of

the Heart, a reading.

Myrtle Church - A reading, A Vision of the Missionaries. The Life of the Tommy Willeys Jr.

Thayer Church - A Solo, "Only One Heart Beat". A skit, Change of Heart.

A poem, A cry from Heathendom.

Dismissal prayer by Thayer Pastor and including the blessing on the refreshments which was served in the basement dining hall.

Dist. Corr. Sect.
Lorene Pohnert

MONTHLY MEETING

The Woman's Auxiliary of Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met Tuesday evening, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. with 14 members and five visitors. Meeting was opened by singing "Bringing in the Sheaves". Prayer was led by Sis. Worel. Devotional was given by Sister Ina Bennett. A very inspiring program was given.

Following the program, Sister Gay Combs presided over the business meeting. Reports from each committee were given and from each officer.

A standing vote of thanks was given Bro. and Sister Evert Johnson for the nice gas range given to the church. A card of thanks was to be sent to Mrs. Jimmie Stroud for the table she gave the church.

For our April Mission Project we are to send a free will offering to the Bill Phipps Missionaries.

We were happy to have four ladies from the Alton Auxiliary and Mrs. Elga Webb joining the Auxiliary. Closing prayer by Sister Jorene Pohnert.

Corr. Sect.
Helen Underwood

MISSION PROGRAM

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, held their April meeting at the church on Monday, April 1.

The meeting was attended by eighteen members and six visitors.

The program opened with the hymn "The Light of the World is Jesus". Scripture for the evening was taken from Romans 10: 13-18 and was read by Janet Bailey, prayer by Rachel Milburn.

We had as our very special guest five young people of the church, Avis Ann Eden, Diana Reeves, Pam Burcham, Wayne

Hale and Duane Horton, who presented the program "Ecuador Land of Beauty".

For the Mission Emphasis, pictures of two missionaries were attached to the bottom of two chairs before the program opened and prizes were awarded to the two ladies setting on the chairs.

A skit was presented by members of the Marie Hanna Circle entitled "Money Talks". The skit placed stress upon the importance of supporting our Missionaries through the auxiliary.

Before the business the group sang "Send the Light". During the business session, officers for the 1968-69 year were nominated and will be installed during the May meeting.

Plans were made for the pre-Easter week of prayer. The evening closed with prayer by Mrs. Hilderbrand.

HELPING ORPHANAGE

The Woman's Auxiliary of First Free-will Baptist Church of Festus, Mo. chose for their April project to help the First Free-will Baptist Orphanage Home of Greenville, Tennessee. The correspondent secretary wrote a letter to see in what way they might help, and received a reply stating what they needed.

They sent 15 pairs of hose, five spools of thread, bias tape of different colors, rick rack, hand needles, and enclosed a check for \$10.00 to buy dress material.

Each member was overjoyed to think they were able to make a child's heart happy with a new dress. I'm sure the Lord will bless our auxiliary richly in return. Each one put their heart and soul in this project.

Corr. Sect.
Elsie Chewing

OLD MEXICO HOME MISSION PROJECT

The West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met April 1 for our regular meeting with ten members and two visitors present. The opening song was "Ye Are the Light of the World". The scripture reading was Romans 10: 13-18. Prayer by Effie Lou Moss. Officers gave their reports. Study Course Ch. set study

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course for April 12 on "Prayer".

Program Prayer Ch. was making arrangements for pre-Easter service on Wednesday night. Cor. Sect. had mailed out 12 cards, four letters and one package.

It was voted we read the History of our Auxiliary at our quarterly meeting at Thayer, Mo.

It was voted to send \$15.00 to home missions to be used in Old Mexico for helping to build a church building

It was also voted to send in \$1.25 per member to our district auxiliary treasurer for our annual membership fee.

Our lesson in the Co-Labor book was from page 3

Lord, for men of God who will recognize that their first obligation is to God and His Word.

I don't like to think this, but I am afraid money determines the pulpit instead of God's leadership (in some cases). Let me hasten to say that I am not against paying preachers—I believe they are underpaid, and that churches should see to it that their pastor is taken care of financially. Some time last summer, at the close of a revival, a preacher friend ask me, "How much did you get?" He never ask how many souls were saved, or how many backsliders were re-dedicated, or did the church get revived. Just how much did you get? This is a sad commentary but I am afraid it is true in many cases. Our nation is dying, and the pulpit is much to blame.

The Bible says, time and time again, "Thou shalt not commit adultery". What does this word "adultery" mean? I find this word "adultery" is derived from the same latin root from which we get our word "adulterate" which means "corrupt, to make impure, or to weaken." Sin is not always the use of that which is corrupt, but more often the misuse of that which is pure and good. So adultery can apply to many things, and in a very true sense, we have all broken this seventh commandment.

The Bible teaches a normal degree of thrift. (Pro. 21: 20) "There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up..." So you see, when reasonable thrift is turned into perverted avarice, then God labels it "SIN". When the Bible says: "The love of money is the root of all evil." it refers to the wrong, sinful. Perverted use of money, and it is sin. When man attaches an importance to money out of all proportion to its value, he is guilty of perversion and adulteration.

Second: The man who stifles his conscience and perverts it, is guilty of adultery. Why?—because God wants the brick layer to put his conscience into every brick he lays. God expects the grocer to put his conscience into every bag of food. God expects the preacher to put his conscience into every sermon he delivers, and etc.

But if you have allowed your conscience through sin, to become hard, perverted, you have broken the seventh commandment and are guilty of adulteration.

Now let us go to the very core of the matter. As we have already said, it is the mis-use of good things more than the use of evil things which God abhors. Let me show you what I mean: The Pharisees mis-used religion, and it became apostasy; the Rich Man in the sixteenth chapter of Luke's Gospel mis-used money and become a miser. David mis-used human affection which is God-ordained, and it became lust. Demas mis-used pleasure, and it evolved into worldliness, and we hear the apostle Paul say, "Demas hath forsaken me having loved the present world." (I Tim. 4: 10) How serious is this statement that the apostle made about Demas? The Bible says, (I John 2: 15) "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

The proper meaning of the word "adultery" is, "the voluntary sexual intercourse of a married person with someone not the spouse, any lewd or unchaste act or

on "Ecuador the Land of Beauty".

Pray for our Auxiliary, we need your prayers.

Hattie Sims, Cor. Sect.

MISSIONARY TO BRAZIL SPEAKS

The Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield held their Pre-Easter Season of Prayer, Tuesday night, April 2 in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Brawley. The program entitled, "Mary—Her Glorious Commission", was presented by Diane Hagan. An offering of \$30.17 was given for Foreign Missions. It was to be sent to Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds' account.

A Missionary Conference was held at our church, April 5, 6, and 7. Rev. Earnie Deeds, Missionary to Brazil, was our speaker. He showed slides of Brazil and brought very inspiring messages. Everyone received a real blessing.

The past two months our mission projects have included making a quilt for the Mack Owens Family, who are missionaries in Nova Scotia and sending \$15.00 to the Fred Hersey's account. They are missionaries in Japan.

Mark 16: 15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.

thought."

No where in the Bible does God condemn sex: because it was this method God chose to propagate everything on the earth. However, God does condemn adultery, and other wrong use of sex, in His Word. And there are several ways that this sin can be committed. First, by evil imaginations. (Gen. 6: 5) "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." It was this kind of wickedness before the flood that provoked God's wrath, and brought Judgment. Read carefully the sixth chapter of Genesis. The account given in Genesis is not the last time that God brought Judgment because of the sin of immorality, but look at the nineteenth chapter of Genesis where God destroys the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 19: 24) "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom, and upon Gomorrah, brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven."

IMMORALITY A SIGN OF THE TIMES: In Matt. 24: 38, 39, Jesus said, "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."

In these passages you will notice that the Lord makes a comparison of the antediluvian world with that which will exist at His return.

In the days preceding the flood, men lived carelessly and self-indulgently; corruption and violence filled the earth, and God's message given through Noah was spurned as an idle tale. While insensible to their danger, the flood came and destroyed them all.

SECONDLY. . . You can commit immorality by a look. The Bible places the lust of the eyes right along with other major sins. (I John 2: 16) "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Jesus said: "Who-soever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." No wonder Job said: "I have made a covenant with my eyes. Why, then, should I think upon a maid?"

Remember: our eyes see only what our souls allow them to see. If our hearts are out of harmony with God, the odds are that we will have a perverted, distorted view of life.

THIRDLY. . . Immorality can be committed by the tongue. The Bible warns about evil communications that corrupt good manners. The psalmist said: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth." Off color jokes and dirty stories have no place in the Christian life. But thousands of people are people are committing immorality by the way they talk.

FOURTHLY. . . Immorality can be committed by the way you dress. If you women purposely dress to entice a man to sin, then you are guilty whether the act is committed or not. The Christian ladies should dress as if Jesus were their escort each day.

You can be smart, trim, and in the latest fashion without having that "Hollywood-look" that has become a damnation to page 11

NEWS

FROM OUR BIBLE COLLEGES

Dear Bible College Friend,

I would like for you to accept this as a personal letter from my desk. This school year has been one of the most exciting years in the history of Free Will Baptist Bible College. On Thanksgiving Day we dedicated a new men's dormitory, a 26-room academic building and a library building. These buildings increased the assets of the College by more than three-quarters of a million dollars. Nothing like this has ever happened in modern-day Free Will Baptist history. Added to these accomplishments, we enrolled our largest student body. In fact, in the last two years we have experienced a 36 percent increase in students. This has been done with practically no increase in personnel. There have been many other accomplishments about which I will not speak. The blessings of God have been many.

But along with these encouraging things, we have also had our problems. Two key men in our organization have experienced serious illnesses this year. Other members of the College family did all they could to absorb the duties of Mr. McDonald and Mr. Kettelman for the many weeks they were incapacitated. However, in a small organization which is already understaffed, you cannot help but suffer when key men are out. We are very grateful that both of these men are back at work.

Our financial need is very serious as we near the close of the school year. Our gift budget for this year called for \$150,000 to the general fund, up \$15,000 over last year's. In the face of the tremendous increase in expenditures due to the operation of two new buildings and a larger enrollment, this loss in income is very serious. This is to say nothing of the tremendous need for two hundred thousand dollars in gifts to our building fund.

I feel that there are thousands of us who can and will send a special gift to the general fund to help us meet the operating costs of this school year. There are hundreds of churches that can, and I believe will, make a special gift above and beyond their regular giving to help us close this year in good financial shape. In the 26-year history of Free Will Baptist Bible College, we have never failed to meet our obligations. I have full confidence that we will meet them this year with your special help. Our Bible College is growing, and with this growth comes many added obligations. Please let us hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,
L. C. Johnson
President

BIBLE COLLEGE TO GRADUATE LARGEST CLASS IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY

On June 6, Free Will Baptist Bible College will grant degrees to the largest number of graduates in the history of the school. Thirty-two students will receive bachelor degrees, six year Bible diplomas, and three complete requirements for the school's business certificate. Of these graduates, 11 will also receive certificates from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. The Class of 1969 represents 16 different states and two foreign countries.

Bachelor of Arts—Sharon Bennett, New Mexico; Ed Cook, Florida; Martha Cooper, Mississippi; Jack Cox, Tennessee; Daniel Curle, Canada; James Dixon, North Carolina; Harvey Dupree, North Carolina; Nedo Eaddy, South Carolina; Charles Francen, California; Lorene Francen, California; Ray Gartman, New Mexico; Raymond Getz, Missouri; Brenda Gibson, Tennessee; Walt Golding, Vermont; Tommy Henderson, Arkansas; Bobby

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PASTOR'S CONFERENCE TO COVER VITAL AREAS OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

Free Will Baptist Bible College will sponsor its first Pastor's Conference, August 5-9. Problematical areas of the pastoral ministry will be dealt with and new fields of opportunity presented.

Among the subjects to be covered are:

- How to Preach Expository Messages, Dr. Alden Gannett
- The Opportunities of Radio Ministry, Rev. Guy Owens
- Overcoming Problems in Pastoral Counseling, Rev. Bill Hill
- An Effective Visitation Ministry, Rev. Joe Ange
- Mid-week Bible Teaching, Rev. Don Pegram

Other features of the conference will include a Bible Study Hour conducted by Dr. Robert Picirilli, inspirational evening messages, and periods of fellowship with fellow-pastors.

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Following is the schedule for the Pastor's Conference: Breakfast each morning (Tuesday thru Friday) at 7:15 a.m. Bible Study with Dr. Picirilli Tuesday thru Friday at 8:00 a.m. Radio Ministry with Rev. Guy Owens; lecture on Tuesday, Question-Answer period Wednesday, at 9:15 a.m.; Expository Preaching with Dr. Alden Gannett Thursday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Break at 10:30 a.m. each morning, Tuesday thru Friday

Visitation Ministry with Rev. Joe Ange - lecture on Tuesday and Question-Answer period on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Expository Preaching with Dr. Alden Gannett Thursday and Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch - 12:15 a.m.

Mid-Week Bible Teacher with Rev. Don Pegram; lecture on Tuesday and Question-Answer period on Wednesday at 1:00 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Teaching with Rev. Refurd Wilson on Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Pastoral Counseling with Rev. Bill Hill Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 2:15 p.m.

Fellowship Break at 3:30 p.m. each afternoon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Supper each evening at 6:00 p.m.

Evening Messages each night at 8:00 p.m. — Monday, Dr. L. C. Johnson; Tuesday, Rev. Joe Ange; Wednesday, Rev. Don Pegram; Thursday, Dr. Alden Gannett

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NEWS

FROM OUR

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



Roger Reeds, General Director of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, extends greetings to those present for the Dedication Services of the Department's new operations building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

On March 28, the Sunday School Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists dedicated their new operations building. Employees and friends of the Sunday School Department were present for the dedication. The order of services was as follows:

- Piano Prelude - Reverend Herman Hersey
- *Hymn - Holy Holy Holy
- Prayer - Reverend Charles Thigpen
- Recognition of Guests
- Reading of the Scriptures - Reverend Winston Lawless
- Solo - Mrs. Jean Wilson
- Sermon - Reverend Homer Willis
- The Act of Dedication
 - History of this ministry - Reverend John West
 - Responsive Reading - Reverend James Earl Raper
 - Prayer of Dedication - Reverend Wayne Buchanan
- *Hymn - The Church's One Foundation
- Benediction - Reverend N. R. Smith
 - *conducted by Reverend George Lee

The building, which is of masonry and steel construction, houses the Sunday School Department's business office as well as the shipping operation. The building has 9,700 square feet of floor space and should provide space for this growing Department for the next several years.

May 1968

PRICE INCREASE ANNOUNCED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Beginning with the third quarter of 1968 there will be a slight increase in the prices of the Sunday school quarterlies published by the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

All quarterlies from the Preschool level through the Senior High level will be raised from twenty cents to twenty-two cents per copy. The Young Adult and Adult quarterlies will be raised from twenty cents to twenty-five cents per copy.

The Department has been able to "hold the line" on prices since it reentered the literature ministry in 1962. However, price increases that have come to the Department from printers, typesetters, and paper producers must be passed along to the customers of the Sunday School Department if the Department is to continue to operate in the black as it has since 1962. Failure to raise prices now would curtail the many ministries offered by the Sunday School Department as well as jeopardize the solid financial position enjoyed by the Department during the past several years.

Even with this across-the-board increase in pricing the literature offered by the Sunday School Department is priced below that offered by the independent publishers of Sunday School literature. Of course, the Sunday School Department depends on the sales of its literature as its sole means of support.

STUDIES IN GENESUS FEATURED IN NEW CURRICULUM

The most logical place to start any Bible study is at the beginning of the "Book" which is of course the Book of Genesis. The Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will begin their seven-year study of the Scriptures with this logical starting point. During the first two quarters of 1969 we will cover the Book of Genesis as thoroughly as it can be covered in twenty-six Sundays of study.

Scofield has this to say about the Book of Genesis, "Genesis is the book of beginnings. It records not only the beginning of the heavens and the earth, and of plant, animal and human life, but also of all human institutions and relationships. Typically, it speaks of the new birth, the new creation, where all was chaos and ruin."

During the first quarter of study in 1969 we will be introduced to "the beginnings" as they are presented in the first several chapters of Genesis. We will review the Flood and the Noahic Covenant. We will meet Abraham (who was at the first called Abram).

The second quarter of study will deal with the other main characters of the Book of Genesis. We will study about such heroes of the faith as Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

The Book of Genesis is one of the great historical books of the Bible. These two quarters of study promise to be some of the most interesting and rewarding quarters of study ever experienced by Free Will Baptist Sunday school scholars.

NEWS

OF THE MISSION FIELDS

Home and Foreign

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am sending this letter because Bro. and Sis. Billows are not here. Nevertheless, I can report a little on our Mexican Freewill Baptist work, trusting that God will bless you like He has us.

I will start by telling you who I am and then continue by giving my view points and outlook on the work which God has given us.

I am Gonzalo Sanchez, a young man of some 25 years of age, having accepted Christ as Saviour about seven and a half years ago. Since that time, God has given me a wonderful wife and two children; Richard, two years old, and Rene', born just a week ago. We are presently living on the Bible Institute grounds where I am teaching. During the last two years, I have had the opportunity to go out into the field itself and work for the Lord, since Christ means everything in my personal life.

Now a little as to my outlook on the Freewill Baptist Work as God has enabled us to carry it out here in Mexico. Throughout these last ten years, we have seen established some eight churches and various mission-outposts, each with its own pastor trained here in our Bible Institute. All the churches are slowly progressing with hopes and plans to see the smaller works developed into full-fledged operation, paying, if not totally, in part, the pastor's salary.

There are three main objectives that we desire to accomplish by means of our churches and the Bible Institute.

(1) Prepare Workers - "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The Bible Institute of Gold is really the strongest arm that the work has. Here is where all the workers are brought into personal contact with God and are formed and molded. Another year has almost gone by and once again we will be sending some of the students to their

homes and various points to work. Later on we surely will be telling you more about this; pray for them!!

(2) Mature Churches - "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." This is one of the most difficult tasks which causes us to fight and pray harder. There has been constant growth, spiritually as well as numerically and financially. The majority of the churches already have some type of building fund going and we hope and pray to be able to see all on a self-supporting basis so to use State-side income in the establishment of new works. It would be wonderful to see one of our own churches take on the support of a new work in its entirety!

(3) Open New Works - "The Phillip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them." In order to carry out this important step, we must first accomplish the two already mentioned in (1) and (2). As you can easily see from recent reports, our denomination is steadily receiving the blessing and responsibility of new works. Let's hope the evangelistic spirit will continue!

"THROUGH GOD WE SHALL DO VA-

LIANTLY." Psalms 60: 12.

In Christ,
G. Sanchez G.

MISSOURI

MARCH FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING

Woodrow Matthews, Raytown	10.00
Garfield Sunday School, Thayer	20.00
Kirkville FWB	105.65
South Side FWB, St. Louis	85.00
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Milford House, Gower	5.00
Cooperative Plan	469.30
Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
Oak Grove FWB, Mountain Grove	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Myrtle FWB Church	77.20
First FWB, Joplin	20.00
Mrs. Lourine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00

Valentine Arnold, Florissant	20.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Calvary FWB, Niangua	14.35
Trinity FWB, Bridgeton	105.00
Verdella FWB, Liberal	10.00
Berkeley FWB Church	147.50
Hannon FWB, Liberal	25.50
Leadington FWB Church	24.00
Eli Stephens, St. Louis	20.00
First FWB, Monett	115.00
Grace FWB, Imperial	6.12
Betty Baner, Fredericktown	3.50
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	7.11
Houston FWB	10.00
Rock Chapel C.T.S., Mtn. Grove	10.00
Central FWB, Kansas City	83.63
Victory FWB, Avondale	10.00
First FWB, Mtn. Grove	58.90
New Harmony Sunday School, Greentop	29.68
New Rock Springs FWB	15.00
Willow Springs FWB, Mtn. Grove	11.22
Oak Grove FWB, Cabool	12.00
Parkview FWB, Desloge	45.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	3.00
Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Cope FWB, Hartville	150.00
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	49.06
M. L. Combs, O'Fallon	20.00
Trinity FWB, Bridgeton	69.00
Berkeley FWB	100.00
Grace FWB, Arnold	50.00
Archie Cooper, Kirkville	10.00
First FWB, Springfield	46.00
Fourth FWB, St. Louis	10.00
Cuba FWB	19.14

HOME MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS

March receipts	\$1,128.82
Total to date	2,786.20
Balance on quota	8,213.80

Editor's Note: The list of the churches giving to National Home Missions is no longer sent to me. If you have given to the National Home Missions, we thank you.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Desoto, Mo.
March 13, 1968

Dear Co-Workers,

Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus, the Name above all others in heaven or earth. Acts 4: 12 "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other Name under heaven given, among men, whereby we must be saved."

Surely the Lord is good to give grace, courage, and comfort to our hearts. How wonderful is our God to us in all His ways. It is He who giveth us richly all things to enjoy, and we the people of the Desoto Free Will Baptist Church are enjoying His wonderful blessings and would like to share them with you.

Souls are being saved and added to the church. The Holy Spirit is dealing with others. There has been unsaved people attending our services almost at all our services.

Our pastor, Rev. Charles Miller, has employment in Desoto, and he and his family will be moving into the community very soon.

We truly thank the Lord for sending Rev. and Mrs. Miller and their two children our way. They are so consecrated to the Lord's work.

The young people of our church had there Valentine Party in Bro. and Sis. Rider's home. They reported a good time in the Lord. We have a group of young people in our church who are faithful to the Lord's services.

On March 9, we attended the singing convention, held at the Hurryville FWB Church near Farmington, Mo. The Lord blessed at this service and there was a large group of fine singers there. We enjoyed this service so much.

We are still working on our building program. We do need to sell the rest of our bonds. Anyone wanting to invest money, we feel this would be a fine place to do so.

We purchased new Free Will Baptist Hymnals and about 50 new chairs lately. We feel the Lord is on our side, and who can be against us.

We are expecting great things for the Lord in this community, and as soon as possible we will start on our building. God bless each one. Pray for us.

Yours in Christian love,
Brenda Berry, reporter
Sophia Ackerson, Assistant
Rev. Charles Miller, Pastor

Dear GEM Readers,

God has richly blessed us at Sunnyview FWB Church, and we feel very humble and grateful to Him. We had one more soul saved, and two more young new announced their call to the ministry, Bro. Herbert Dublin and Bro. Joe Fulkerson.

Sister Shirley Lloyd of Conway, Arkansas, completely furnished one of our new classrooms in memory of her dad, who was a member of Sunnyview before his passing on. Sunnyview people purchased thirty-five chairs for our other two rooms. Our Sunday School record was again broken March 10 with 99 present. Our average for March was 93. And we thank God for all His goodness to us.

We're very concerned about our boys in service and the whole world situation. Our pastor, Rev. Milass Ruble, has announced plans to have a special service for all our soldiers boys from Sunnyview Church. Let's all pray more for peace everywhere including our own United States.

Thank you,
Marilyn Dublin and
Bonnie Fulkerson, reporters

March 26, 1968

Dear Bro. Hill,

I sure do enjoy getting the GEM and I think you are doing a good job with it.

Would you please put my name and address in it and ask anyone who has people or friends in Wichita to please contact me or tell their friends where we are so they can find our church?

Church Address: 1701 So. Sedgwick

Phone: Area Code 316 WH 3-5004

Parsonage Address: 2427 Lydia

Phone: Area Code 316 WH 3-7885

Will be glad to receive anyone's address, name, or phone number, and I will contact them and try to get them into church and Sunday school.

In His service,
Grover Terry

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Fellowship, Flat River	200							
Farmington	116	129	142					
Southside, St. Louis	109	117						
Trinity, St. Louis	117	149	156					
Kirksville	109	127	136					
Grant Ave., Springfield	175	188	186					
Viburnum Church	43	44						
Mine La Motte	17	31						
KoshKonong	43	51						
First, Mtn. Grove								
Desloge	74	82	90					
First, Springfield	211	213						
Hannon	54	63						
Leadington	112	133	156					
Copper Mines	62							
Fourth Church, St. Louis	162	183	190					
West Plains	162	169	176					
First, Lebanon								
Myrtle Church	50	67						
Twin City Ch., Festus	49	59						
Hartville Church	64	67	74					
Cape Girardeau	24	48	75					
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	76							
Sunnyview, Lebanon	67	68						
Desoto	41	52	56					
Grace Church	154	189	250					
Berkeley	304	346	410					
Central Church								
Thayer	102	129						
Liberty Church	53							
Alton	51							
Meremac Heights	25	40						
Neosho	35							
Overland	162	201						
St. Joseph		18						
Cuba	89	92						
Gateway Church, St. Louis								

GLEANNINGS

FROM THE FIELDS

WONDERFUL MONTH AT CAPE

We have had a wonderful month at Cape Girardeau. Our attendance reached a new record March 17 of 87. Bro. Beatty was with us for that service. He was with us in November '65 when we began with 4 Cape Girardeau people. We had a total of 11 that day.

I want to say also that we have some of the finest men in the country serving on the Missouri State Home Mission Board.

Sincerely,
Don Jones

CHURCH REPORTS GOOD SERVICES

We the Cuba Church would like to report that during the week April 1 through April 7, we scheduled a soul winning course to be taught by Bro. Frank Guinta, Pastor of Leadington FWB Church. The Lord prevailed and revival broke out. Four persons rededicated, three came forward to dedicate their lives and one young man was saved.

For all this, we say Praise the Wonderful Name of Our Lord! We recommend Bro. Guinta and this course, knowing it will be a blessing to any group.

First FWB
Cuba, Mo.

GRACE FWB CHURCH REPORTS

We, at Grace FWB Church of Arnold, thank God for all His blessings and goodness to us the past few months. We've seen our Sunday School, C.T.S., Prayer Meeting and tithes and offerings grow for which we give God the praise.

Our spring revival was held March 25-31 with Rev. Wayne Bookout of Cushing, Okla. There was one converted and one rededication during the revival and Monday morning after the close of the revival, one woman was saved in her home for which we feel was the result of revival. We had cottage prayer meeting Thursday, Friday and Saturday night before revival and God answered prayers.

We also had our Enlistment Campaign for Sunday School, and all previous records were broken with an attendance of 281. Average attendance for the month of March was 250. We desire your prayers that God will supply our needs to start the addition on our church. We're thankful for our pastor, Rev. Rehkop and for the fine work he's doing for the cause of Christ. We ask for your prayer as we all labor together, for there are many who need

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Christ as their own personal Savior.
Donna Vincent,
Church Reporter

LORD IS STILL BLESSING

The Lord is still blessing the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist church in Springfield in a great manner. During the month of March, ten persons united with the church; there was one conversion and three rededications. Then in the month of April, the Lord blessed in the Missionary conference with one rededication. Bro. Earnie Deeds was the speaker. On April 21, six persons followed the Lord's example by being baptized. In June the church is looking forward to a missionary revival with Bro. A. Billows of Old Mexico as the speaker.

CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus.

We have just closed a very successful revival with Rev. Johnny Land, the evangelist. Rev. Land, a true man of God, delivered each message from God's Word by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and preached with power. We had special singing each night from different ones from other churches, and good attendance each night. The Lord blessed in a mighty way. Three souls were saved and found Jesus precious to their souls and five were rededicated, four were added to the church.

On Sunday, March 31, we closed our revival with a Sunday School Rally Day. We broke our attendance record with 79 attending Sunday School. We know God is not dead, as some say, because He was alive and real in our revival.

Now that the weather is clearing up everyone is anxious to get started on our new building.

On March 20 there was a film from the Pacific Garden Mission shown at our church. The title was "Out of the Night". It showed us how a life can be made new by accepting Jesus Christ. It was very touching and a great blessing to each and everyone.

We still have bonds for sale. Anyone wanting a good, solid spiritual investment contact Rev. Charles Miller, 306 Moulton Street, DeSoto, Mo. 63020 or T. D. Rider, 708 South Second Street, DeSoto, Mo. 63020.

The Lord has truly blessed the Free Will Baptist work in DeSoto. We thank Him from the depths of our hearts for all of His blessings.

Anyone desiring an evangelist to hold a revival meeting, we highly recommend Rev. Johnny Land of St. Louis, as the Lord has called him to the evangelistic field. He is filled with the Spirit of God and preaches the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We desire the prayers of all the Christians that the Lord will continue to bless us, and pray for our building program.

In Christian love,
Brenda Berry, Reporter
Sister Ackerson, Ass't Reporter
Rev. Charles Miller, Pastor

EVANGELIST IS ACCEPTING BOOKINGS

Bro. Johnnie Land is accepting revival bookings for the fall. If anyone is interested in having this man of God for revival, you may contact him at:

3935 Miami St.
St. Louis, Mo. 63116
Phone: Area Code 314 772-5088

DEDICATION SERVICE

March 24 at 10:00 o'clock we had Sunday School, which broke our record from 60 to 71. Our pastor, Rev. Carl Eden, gave a real message at the 11:00 o'clock services.

We all retired to the basement dining room where a bountiful dinner was served. There was food and plenty to spare.

We wish to thank each and everyone who had any part in our services or dinner. The church was well-filled.

Everyone gathered in the sanctuary at 2:00 o'clock for the dedication of the new building. Brother Eden read Psalm 1: 33, Matt. 16: 13-19, I Cor. 3: 6-17 for the devotion. Prayer by Rev. Cletus Nichols. Song, "Rock of Ages" by Oskaloosa Quartet, Reed Smith and son, Sam, Rev. Bob Dickey and his brother, Keith, and Wilma Smith at the piano.

Specials were rendered by Tresa Simmons, from Seymour, Mo., 8 years old, "The Love of God", Sam Smith sang "How Great Thou Art", the Oskaloosa Quartet sang "I Want To Know More About My Lord", Costly Girls sang "Mansion Over the Hillside", accompanied by Miss Beaman at the piano. Jerry Belk of Joplin played his guitar and sang "One Day at a Time". The Costly Girls sang "I Don't Know About Tomorrow". Rev. Ronald Clifford and Jerry Belk of Joplin sang "Empty Mansions".

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Rev. O. T. Alred of Monett, Mo. selected his dedication sermon from II Chronicles 2: 4. Also you read 8th chapter. I Kings 5: 6-8. Prayer by Rev. Glen Murray. Rev. Alred gave a wonderful message which was dear to our hearts. Thank God for men who are God fearing. He concluded with prayer.

Pastor Carl Eden called the Oskaloosa church into altar for prayer of dedication.

We are few in number, but the Lord has blessed in a special way. There is nothing impossible with God. Pray now for this church to be a witness for God always.

Laphema E. Herrell,
Reporter

REVIVAL AT JOPLIN MAY 13-19



Alton E. Loveless, Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin.

REST

God sent His Son
Our sinbearer to be,
Nailed on a cross
Of a cruel tree.

For the cruel world
His love went out,
He arose from the grave
And we should shout.

Glory, Glory Halleluah
To His precious name.
He broke the bonds of death
And Oh! What fame!

To souls like you and me,
He suffered in agony,
Give me life, or give me death,
But just a place
In heaven in rest.
Written by Laphema Herrell
January 10, 1968

PREACHER'S RETREAT

A Preacher's Retreat will be held at the Free Will Baptist State Youth near

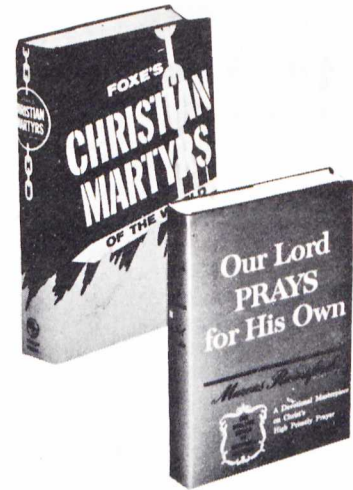
Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, will be the speaker for a week's revival at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 2301 Connecticut Ave., Joplin, Mo. May 13 through the 19th.

All churches and members are invited to attend from the adjoining area to hear this outstanding speaker.

Services will begin each evening at 7:45 p.m.

Alton Loveless, pastor of the church, urges everyone to write down the date and make plans to attend.

Niangua, Missouri. Rev. Clarence Burton, pastor of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church, will bring three expository messages from the book of Phillippians. It will begin Monday, May 6, at 2:00 p.m. and continue until Tuesday, the 7th, at noon. Each meal will be \$1.50 and each one should bring necessary linens.



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to this country. (Read I Peter 3: 1-5)

This indecent dress is just as disgusting among many men as women today. If you fellows who wear walking shorts want to join the "Keep America Beautiful" program, then get a hair cut. . . on your legs. Some men will condemn mini-skirts on women, while flashing knobby knees, and hairy legs in public.

FIFTHLY. . . Immorality can be committed while reading unclean books and looking at unclean pictures.

Our news stands today are so indecent that a Christian cannot look upon them without blushing, and yet many people are buying this kind of literature and in doing so you are feeding your lust and sinning against God. We are watching a nation die morally today, mainly because the Biblical standard of moral living has been swept away by doctrines of men.

Our nation is facing dangerous times, a nation-wide spiritual awaking is desperately needed. Our nation needs a revival that will take it back to the Word of God. It is our duty as Christians to pray for the leaders of our nation.

Evangelist Johnnie M. Land
3955 Miami Street
St. Louis, Mo. 63116
Phone: 772-5088



YOUTH CAMP VIEWS & NEWS

YOUTH CAMP SIDING PROJECT

Good News! The siding on the cafeteria looks great! Thanks to every church and individual who contributed and to the men who did the work.

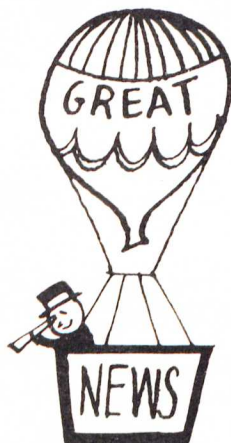
Work on the new refreshment stand and new classrooms is well underway and will be ready for use when the Pre-teen session begins. (This will surely be appreciated.)

The new road which goes behind the cafeteria is started and it will be completed by camp time. The State Health Department has requested this.

The Mission Association is building a very nice cabin.

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary is furnishing the paint for the inside of the cafeteria. Thanks, women.

Needs: Medium size pan for peeling potatoes, lemon squeezer, paring knives and butcher knives.



DATES FOR THE 1968 SESSIONS:

YOUTH CAMP SIDING CONTRIBUTIONS

Greetings in Jesus' Name.

To follow are the names of the contributors to the Youth Camp Siding Project.

Mt. Valley Church	\$ 30.00
Hannon Church	50.00
Berkley Church	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burcham	40.00
Rock Chapel Church	50.00
Liberty Quarterly Meeting	82.00
F.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Lebanon	50.00
Macendonia Sunday School	10.00
Happy Ridge Church	29.10
New Harmony Church	15.00
Monett Church	50.00
Kansas City Quarterly Meeting	67.80
Hazel Creek Union Church	36.00
Liberty Church	50.00
First FWB, Cuba	100.00
Cabool Church	50.00
Amity Church	55.00
Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting	5.00
Bethel Church, West Plains	84.63
Clifton Church	8.97
Jessa Powell	2.50
Niangua Auxiliary	5.00
Niangua Church	10.00
Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting	33.00
Vardella Church	25.00
Waynesville Church	25.00
Springfield FWB Church	50.00
Central Western Mis. Association	19.62
Rev. Grover Terry	2.00
Freda Sells	1.00
Doris Day	1.00
Mt. Grove Church	50.00
TOTAL	\$1,113.62

Again we wish to thank each group or individual who responded to our plea and now it is to be seen what our Lord will do in return. We are trusting the Lord for the best camping season ever.

In His service,
Cliff Bowman,
Chairman

PRE-TEEN
TEENS

JUNE 16-21
JUNE 23-28

COST Same as last yr. \$ 9.00
COST Same as last yr. \$10.00

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
Teachers:	
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
Play Ground Supervisors	Harry Asher & David Parrott
Refreshment Stand	Rev. & Mrs. Charles Moyers

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
Play Ground Supervisors	Glen Murray & James Reed
Refreshment Stand	Rev. & Mrs. Chas. Moyers
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

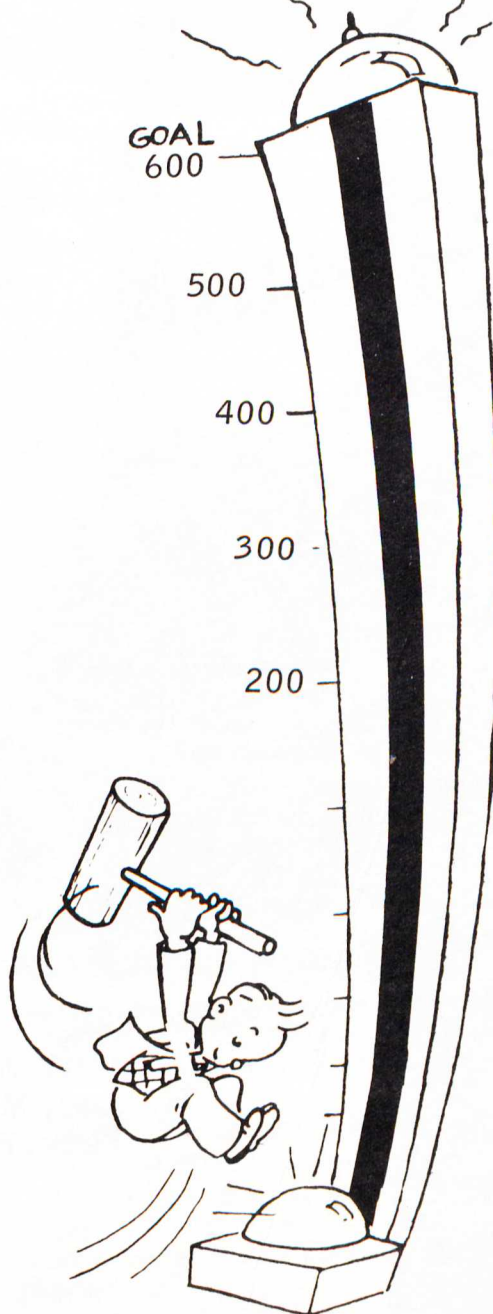
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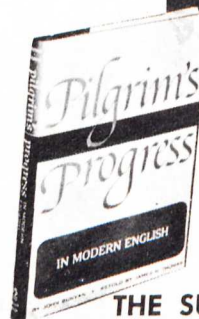
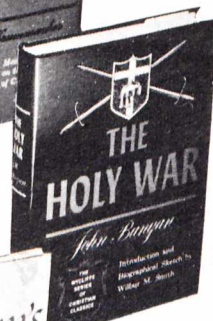
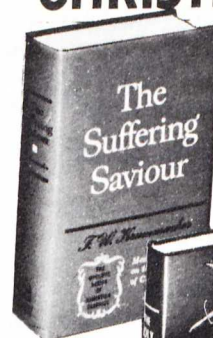
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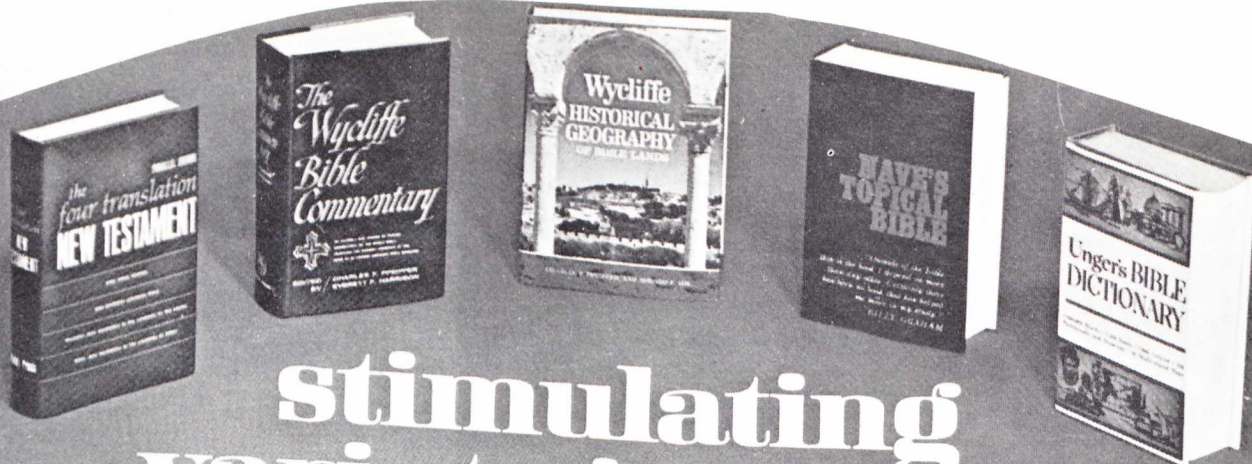
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Clergy Faces Questions About Social Security

By W. BARRY GARRETT

WASHINGTON (BPA) — Clergymen are now included in the provisions of the Social Security, according to the new Public Law 90-248, unless they elect on grounds of conscience or religious principles to apply for exemption.

The new law raises many questions for clergymen. We do not profess to know all the answers, for one reason because we do not know all the questions.

However, from the legislative record in Congress, from the wording of the law itself and from conversations with persons in the responsible governmental agencies, we do have some answers to some questions.

Q: What change did the new Social Security law make regarding coverage of ministers of religion?

A: Previously ministers were exempt from Social Security unless they asked for coverage. Now clergymen are covered unless they ask for exemption.

Q: What are the grounds upon which a clergyman can stand in asking for exemption from Social Security?

A: The new law exempts a minister only on the grounds of conscientious objection or religious principles or if he has taken a vow of poverty as a member of a religious order.

Q: Is there a way a minister can obtain exclusion from Social Security other than to claim conscientious objection, or to claim that his religious principles prohibit him from participation or to take a vow of poverty as a member of a religious order?

A: No.

Q: What does the law mean by opposition by reason of conscience or religious principles?

A: As far as we know the regulations defining these terms have not yet been spelled out. We can be sure, however, that financial reasons or political reasons will not be accepted as conscience or religious reasons. If a person is simply disgruntled at the government, or if he thinks he

has a better insurance or old age plan or if he thinks he cannot afford to pay, he cannot thereby claim that he is a conscientious objector.

Q: When does the new law take effect for clergymen?

A: January 1968.

Q: When does the clergyman have to pay?

A: At the same time he pays his income taxes. On or before April 15, 1968 the clergyman as a "self-employed" person pays his 1967 income tax and files his estimate for his 1968 taxes. On or before April 15, 1969 the clergyman pays his 1968 income tax and his Social Security tax for 1968.

Q: How does a clergyman obtain exclusion from Social Security?

A: He should file an application for exemption at the time he pays his income tax.

Q: When should a clergyman file a claim for exemption on the ground of conscience or religious principles?

A: The Internal Revenue Service probably will have forms to fill out and application blanks available on or before April 15, 1969. Those serving as ministers in 1968 or before have until April 15, 1970 to obtain exclusion from Social Security. Those beginning their ministerial duties in 1969 or later have two years to file for their exemption.

Q: If a minister is now participating in Social Security, can he withdraw on the grounds of conscience or religious principles?

A: No. If he is conscientiously opposed, why does he now participate?

Q: If a minister waives Social Security coverage on grounds of conscience or religious principles, can he later change his mind and elect to be covered?

A: No. The law plainly states that such an exemption shall be irrevocable.

Q: Will the churches be expected to pay one-half of the minister's Social Security tax as it does for other employees?

A: No. The church is not involved with the minister's coverage. Congress placed him in the special category of "self-employed." He has to pay his own taxes. Of course, there could be no objection to a raise in salary for the minister to help him bear this additional expense.

Q: What effect does the new law have on the minister who is now a participant in Social Security?

A: None, except that it rules him out as a conscientious objector.

Q: What authority do you have to give all these answers to questions about the minister and Social Security?

A: No authority whatsoever. If you want official, authoritative answers to your questions, you will have to get them from the Internal Revenue Service.

Q: What advice do you have for a minister who is considering non-participation in Social Security on the grounds of conscience or religious principles?

A: First, make sure that his objections are really on those grounds. At present the field of conscientious objection to Social Security is occupied by a very limited minority such as the Amish and a few others. Conscientious objection to Social Security may be hard to prove by a person who is not a genuine conscientious objector to military service or to other government benefits.

Remember, too, that once a minister signs himself as a conscientious objector to Social Security he rules himself out of other government benefits for citizens such as medical care and possibly a wide range of other benefits.

Before signing as a conscientious objector to Social Security, get good legal advice and consult with the brethren about the real meaning of conscientious objection.

If a minister is a genuine conscientious objector and if his religious principles are violated by participation in Social Security, he should not hesitate to ask for exemption.

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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

The Liberty Quarterly meeting assembled with Buffalo Free Will Baptist Church March 2. Seventeen churches were represented with delegates. Pastor Drake of the Springfield North Side Church delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. Two new ministers, Dennis Cummins and Stanley Jones, delivered sermons at 2:00 p.m. Good harmony and a real spiritual upsurge prevailed. Time was given for our Missouri Promotional Program, especially to explain the 1968 allocation of the Missouri Cooperative funds.

Renewed and pledged support was given by two more churches in Liberty Quarterly meeting. Sunday morning, March 3, we worshipped in our Buffalo Church, and I delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. They gave a nice offering to the Missouri Cooperative Fund. Rev. Robert Carlson and others serve as supply pastor here currently.

Sunday evening, I delivered the sermon in our Cuba Church. Pastor Bowman and Cuba Church continue to win souls for the Lord, also support the Cooperative Plan, plus other designated missionary support.

Missionaries Deeds and Haas conducted missionary services March 6-10 in Grace, Southside, Berkley, and Trinity Churches, in the St. Louis district. Thus, rallying new and designated support, especially for Brazil and France. Urgent challenges continually proceed forth from our missionaries, soliciting all Christians to fulfill our high command—to pray, give, go and send God's Word unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Sunday, March 17, in response to an invitation from Cape Girardeau Church, and Pastor Jones, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon there. We certainly rejoice with them to witness the blessings of the Lord upon this new work. Pastor Jones reports witnessing souls being saved in their regular worship services recently and affiliating with the church;

plus other new members joining too. They recently constructed the nicest basement church I have ever seen. The front half is the chapel, the remaining half has a hall way down the center with individual Sunday School rooms on either side. They have attained new Sunday School attendance records each month since Nov. in their new location on Country Club Road in the northeast section of Cape Girardeau. Please remember them in prayer and send Pastor Don Jones the names of potential prospects moving into Cape from other sections.

Sunday evening I returned by way of the Festus First Church and delivered the evening message there. Pastor Jack Stallings reports some increase in interest and church membership in First Church this month. Their church recently constructed their church parsonage on the corner lot of their church property, located near the intersection of the new Interstate Highway. Please remember both the church and pastor in prayer.

In response to an invitation from our last pastorate in Oklahoma, the Bartlesville Free Will Baptist Church and Pastor Robert Spencer, it was my happy privilege to preach the dedication sermon and participate with other pastors present in the dedication of their new church building located at 201 S.E. Greystone Street. Sunday afternoon, March 24, I also delivered the Sunday evening message too. This gives Bartlesville church a better potential now, being located in a good residential section. I pray they will win many unsaved to the Lord.

Your promotional field worker attended the annual meeting of the State Promotional Men and National Association leaders, March 27-29 in Nashville, Tenn. This meeting consisted of inspiration, information, exchange of ideas and Christian fellowship, plus the special dedication service of the new spacious Sunday School and Church Training Service supply building, erected adjacent to our National Headquarters. This building plus two new buildings on our Free Will Baptist Bible College property, are a real asset to our denomination. The greatest contribution from the state of Missouri is the fine student group using and occupying these buildings. Thanks to everyone in our state for every kind of contribution given for this worthy cause.

March 30, Mrs. Beatty and I attended the wedding of our son, S/p-5 Gordon Beatty, Washington, D.C. I officiated in the marriage ceremony in one of the local churches there near the Pentagon, where Gordon serves in the United States Army.

We received fifty church contributions to the Co-operative funds; some churches adopted for the first time. Thus our March receipts were above average. We have received approximately \$27,000.00 in eight months on our \$44,000.00 Cooperative Giving Quota for 1968. Brethren, let's strive earnestly to reach our goal.

Harry Beatty

MARCH CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS 1968

Kirksville	Feb.	30.00
Beacon	Feb.	104.25
Cope FWB	Feb.	35.96
Eldorado First	Feb.	7.10
Cuba	Feb.	107.06
Buffalo	Offering	36.00
Desoto	Feb.	35.00
Cape Girardeau	Feb.	40.14
Mt. Grove	Feb.	139.80
Verdella		121.07
Meramec Heights		25.00
Olivette		16.00
Grant Avenue	Jan. & Feb.	135.59
Farmington	Feb.	139.21
Black Oak	3 mos.	30.00
Merl's Chapel		18.57
New Harmony	SS.	5.87
Leadington	Feb.	129.00
Hannon	Feb.	49.00
Centrall	Feb.	117.33
Rock Chapel		24.41
Victory	F3b.	134.56
Carterville		17.25
Cabool	Feb.	31.09
Monett	Feb.	113.05
Copper Mines		53.00
East Independence	Feb.	24.82
Grace		155.00
Hickory Grove		12.25
O'Fallon	Mar.	32.07
Mine La Motte	Mar.	18.30
Fellowship	Mar.	50.00
New Home		10.60
Berkeley		267.70
Fredericktown	Jan-Mar.	325.21
Hurryville	Jan-Mar.	226.00
Parkview	Mar.	107.77
Waynesville	Mar.	54.74
Viburnum	Mar.	49.19
Willow Springs (adopted Coop)		40.58
Kirksville	Mar.	30.00
Union Light	Mar.	10.00
Eldorado First	Mar.	9.54
Grace	Mar.	218.50
Merl's Chapel	Mar.	28.12
Grant Ave.	Mar.	78.03
Overland	Mar.	287.00
Mill Creek	Jan.Mar.	70.73
Myrtle	Jan.Mar.	136.88
South Side	Mar.	174.57
Total receipts	Mar.	\$4,112.81

Total Receipts March 1968 \$4,112.81

55.00% National Assn.	2,262.05
1.00% Missouri CTS	41.13
2.00% Missouri Y.C.	82.26
3.75% GEM	154.23
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