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(Genesis 1: 1) God the maker of all
things had the first vision of missions.
He had the master plan, the plan of sal-
vation, even in the very beginning. His
vision and plan started even before His
first creation. He could see the genera-
tions ahead down through the ages, even
unto this very day, even unto the end of
time, when He shall speak the word and
Jesus shall descend in Glory to take His
people home. Yes, God, the Great Creator,
the Beginning and the End truly had the
first vision.

(Luke 2: 11) Thus it was that Jesus
was born. Only a baby, but what a great
and marvelous baby. A very miracle
Himself, born as any child, flesh and
blood, but being the Son of God.

(Luke 2: 40) When Jesus was twelve
they went to Jerusalem for the feast
of the passover and you remember that
when Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem Je-
sus was not with them. Mary and Joseph
journeyed back to Jerusalem in search of
their boy and when they found Him in
the temple He was much surprised at their
concern. (Luke 2: 49)

We know how Jesus withstood Satan's
temptations, how He gathered His disci-
ples, and of all the miracles He worked,
of His teachings and parables, each one
with a significant meaning to mankind.
Luke 6: 47, 48) And so it was that Jesus'
life continued to about the age of thirty-
three, until the plan so carefully laid out
for our salvation came to pass.

They laid Him on the cross and drove
the huge nails in His hands and feet. We
know how it feels to prick our finger with
a needle. Think of the anguish and pain of
having a spike driven through one's hand.
Many of us have known people who have
suffered a great deal of pain. Take that
and multiply it ten times ten and more
for the suffering of Christ. For His pain
was to cleanse a world of sin, to cleanse
each person who believes in Christ and
asks His forgiveness, to give you and me
life eternal. Thus, it was that Jesus died
and was laid in the tomb, but glory to
God, on the third day he arose. After He
had risen He talked with His disciples.

(Luke 24: 38, 39) (Acts 1: 6-9) So it was
that the greatest mission was accomplish-
ed.

(Acts 1: 8) Every child of God has a
mission today, that of spreading the gospel,
of telling others about Jesus. Some have
a greater mission, some have been called
of God to preach and become missionaries.
We as Christians have a responsibility,
that of helping the missionary in every
way possible. They need funds. Money to
spread God's word to the far corners of
the earth. Yes, we need to do all we can
and this concerns more than money, this
concerns our prayers.

Let us stop here and think a moment.
How content we are here in America with
our lives, in our nice comfortable homes,
with our electric lights, our running water,
our soft beds and our good food, where our
daily problems consist of just what we
will fix for dinner, or perhaps it's getting
Herman to wash his ears before going to
school, or maybe we're upset because we
don't have the money to buy a new car
when the Jones right next door do. We
really do have big problems don't we.
But what of the missionaries? An article
from the August, 1965 issue of HEART-
BEAT entitled "Is It Worth It?" tells us
some of their problems. "Isolation, no
running water, no flush commode. Mis-
sionaries like nice things too. . . everyone
seems hungry, scarcely enough rice for
ourselves. Missionaries need to eat too. . .
And the dust, no place to take a shower,
wonder what's in the water. Boiling kills
the bugs, but out in the villages they don't
always boil things too well. Missionaries
like to be clean and healthy too. . . Never
seem to get caught up, always tired. I
wonder, is it worth it all? Yet, there's
the man at the market and the children
in the village. I promised to come back
to see them. There's the village grand-
father who accepted the Lord last week
and the hostile boys. Their dedication to the
Lord shames me. At least we aren't com-
pletely alone out here. The Lord's with
us, and He knows our needs. Folks at
home, remember us in prayer. . Is it
worth it? You know the answer."

DOCTRINAL DELIGHTS

By REV. CARL VALLANCE
527 Buffington Street
Huntington, West Virginia 25702

SUBJECT: Perseverance Of The Saints.

Someone once said that "a Saint was one who makes it easier to be a Christian by living the Bible teachings." A saintly life will let salvation issue forth into service and character, and with these qualities there will be a Holy concern for the salvation of others.

Perseverance Means Stick To The End; Don't stumble or stagger over the promises of God. Walk all the way with Jesus, to give up or quit is no profit or joy. I know some who say that you do not need to put forth any effort to walk with God, once you are saved you will never be lost. These ideas of men may sound good but are terribly dangerous.

We Free Will Baptist Believe that the truly regenerated will persevere unto the end and be saved through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support, but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptation they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.

Jesus Said; Matt. 10:22: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." I am sure that our Saviour knows the frailty of humanity and the dangers of temptation in this present world for all of us or He would not have left this message for us. He was so sure of these dangers that the Holy Ghost inspired Matthew to again record this Holy warning in Matt. 24: 13.

It is just as easy to fall from the top of a ladder as it is from a middle or lower rung, if we allow our lives to become unlike that which our Saviour expects and exemplifies we cannot expect an invitation to share that sinless city. This Christian race is neither to the strong or swift but to the end. Again Jesus speaks in Luke 9: 62: "No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of Heaven." Here Jesus shows our own lack of skill or ability and need of self denial and the opposition and temptations that must be overcome. We must keep plowing till Jesus says it is enough. Read each of the excuses offered to Jesus in the ninth chapter of St. Luke and you will find that there is no doubt as to the demands of the Kingdom of God upon our lives.

Paul Wrote The Galatians — In Ch. 1: 6, of his feeling toward their backsliding, saying: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the Grace of Christ unto another Gospel." Here the apostle deals with a very great need in a church that has committed (Apostasy) backsliding. Apostasy

means to revolt, stand off, to turn away from. We read again in Gal. 4: 9: "After ye have known God, or rather are known of GOD, How turn ye again to the beggarly elements."

This great apostle seemed to have a great deal of trouble in the churches that he had labored to found on the matter of backsliding. Read with us again from the Word of God, Heb. 10: 38: The just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him." I am sure that this expresses the feeling of every pastor who has seen souls shipwrecked on some of today's modern theology.

Jesus Was Not Careful To Remind His Followers Of The Cost of Discipleship. Jesus reminded others that they, "must forsake all that they have and take up their cross and follow Him. Jesus' call was always and still is a call to come and die. We are to die to ourselves, the old self must die so the Christ transformed person can live.

Jude verses 5: 7 gives historical instances of Israel's sins. As an example to New Testament Christians. Hear him in verse 5, "I will therefore put you in remembrance though you once knew this, how the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed them that believed not." Jude goes even farther to say in verse 6 "The angels which kept not their first estate" — notice it was their choice to sin, they were not willing to stay in their place. "But left their own habitation". He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness." Jude again cries out the woe of those who went after the way of Cain and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gain saying of core." All these examples were preached to the early Apostolic Church.

Are we more perfect than those which Jude preached and wrote to? In this day of riots and rebellion, do not men still need the lesson of the Bible on Cain or Balaam who thought pollution of the righteous seed of Abraham. Do not our people need to know that the rebellion of Korah and Dathan and Abriam was not pleasing to God, and neither is ours? Does not the Bible still say He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to Him it is a sin? Is it not true that to God a lie is still a lie, and murder is still sin, and drunkenness is something more than a disease called alcoholism?

Oh that men, even Christian professors would realize it is not what you were, but what you are now that assures our eternal hope!

NEWS

FROM OUR BIBLE COLLEGES

13 STUDENTS AWARDED AT OKLA. BIBLE COLLEGE

Thirteen students were awarded Associate of Arts degrees from Oklahoma Bible College in graduation exercises May 31. The graduating sophomores hold the distinction of being the first class to complete their junior college degree on the present campus having entered in September, 1966 while the existing buildings were in the final stages of construction.

Mr. Edwin Bowden, Booneville, Arkansas, was the recipient of the Outstanding Student award which is presented annually by the faculty to the individual who, because of his "academic ability, leadership ability, attitude, and general achievement in the area of relationship in regard to the faculty and other students" merits such distinction.

Miss Sylvia Fulce, Denison, Texas, and Mr. Jody Harr, Otway, Ohio, received the Best All-Around Students awards. This award is presented to a boy and a girl selected by the students for their excellence in all phases of campus life.

The Key Award, annually presented to the student who has maintained the highest grade point average for the year, went to Mr. Gayle Gardner, Purcell, Oklahoma. Mr. Bowden and Miss Fulce were also recognized during the graduation exercises for their service as Co-Editors of the 1968 HARVESTER yearbook.

Mr. Jim Craddock, Southcentral Regional Director of Campus Crusade for Christ with headquarters in Oklahoma City, challenged the graduates during the Commencement address to go forth into a hate-filled, violence-ridden world determined to practice Christian love as demonstrated and commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Craddock's present directorship of a ten-state region has afforded him ample opportunities to fill the capacity of a collegiate conference speaker on various campuses.

The graduating class heard the Reverend Rue Dell Smith, pastor of the Straight Street Free Will Baptist Church of Norman, deliver the annual Baccalaureate sermon Sunday night, May 26.

Members of the graduating class include: Jerry Cleo Banks, Sapulpa, Okla.; Clyde Edwin Bowden, Jr., Booneville, Ark.; Sylvia Fulce, Denison, Texas; Gayle Richard Gardner, Purcell, Okla.; Judy Wynell Hearron, Moore, Okla.; Orville J. Hood, Oklahoma City; Joel Dean Kircher, Tulsa, Okla.; Shirley Ann Martin, Oklahoma City; Mary Jane Ponsler, Oklahoma City; Earl Dean Scroggins, Ada, Okla.; Robert Dale Smith, McAlester, Oklahoma; Carol Ann Standley, Sulphur, Okla.; and Richard Wayne Rust, Shady Point, Okla.

REV. ALTIS NEW FACULTY MEMBER AT OBC

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, President of Oklahoma Bible College, announces the addition of the Reverend Eddie Altis to the faculty of the College. Mr. Altis, a native of Cabool, Missouri, will become head librarian for the junior college. In addition to his library duties, he will be teaching.

One of the first innovations Mr. Altis will undertake when he assumes his new position in July will be the recataloging of the present volumes according to the Library of Congress system. Mr. Altis, who holds a master degree in library science from Denver University, has served as Curriculum Laboratory Librarian the past two years at Southwest Missouri State College in

Springfield. During this time he has also been an instructor of library science. Prior to going to SMS in 1966, he was the director of the Kinderhook Regional Library at Lebanon, Missouri, for a two year period. He has been in the teaching field for fifteen years having received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwest Missouri State College.

The Reverend Altis has resigned his pastorate of the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Hartville, Missouri.

MONTHLY BIBLE COLLEGE GIFTS AVERAGE \$11,000

Free Will Baptist Bible College reports that gifts for the 1967-68 fiscal year amounted to \$131,786.62--88% of the schools' \$150,000 budget. The following state general fund gifts are reported:

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Maine		80.90	
Maryland		90.00	
Michigan	12,000.00	7,563.31	63%
Mississippi	5,500.00	4,822.68	88%
Missouri	9,500.00	9,550.84	101%
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Oregon		121.06	
South Carolina	7,500.00	7,727.16	103%
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Virginia	6,000.00	5,664.04	94%
Washington	850.00	264.41	31%
West Virginia	1,500.00	1,038.70	69%
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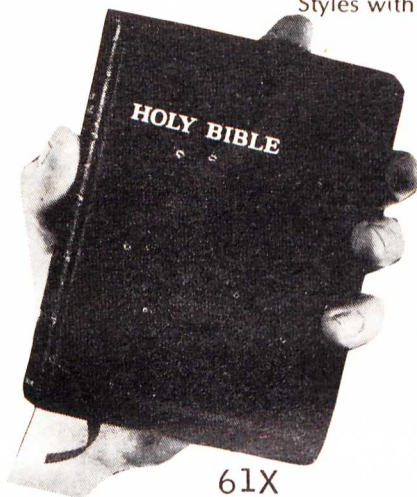
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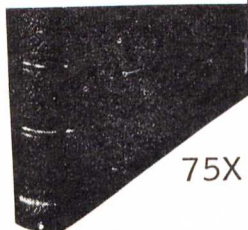
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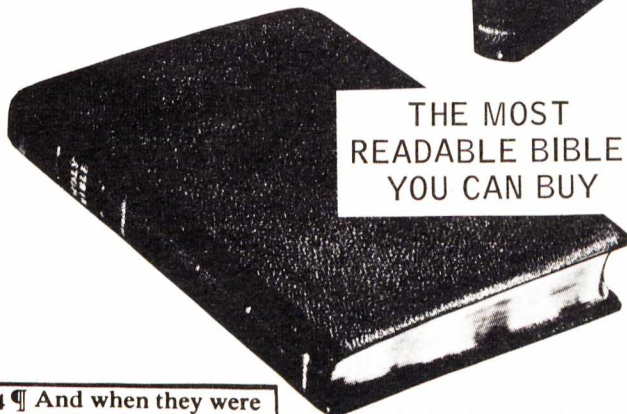
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of the
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
August 20-22, 1968
at the
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
2301 Connecticut Avenue
Joplin, Missouri

Theme: "This We Believe"

Tuesday Evening, August 20

- 7:30 p.m. Worship in Song
Director of Music: Rev. Jack Stallings
Organist: Mrs. Shirley Hunter
Pianist: Mrs. Ruth Ann Reynolds
7:45 p.m. Convening of the Session: Rev. Andy Lay
8:00 p.m. Welcome to the State Association: Rev. Alton Loveless, Host Pastor
8:10 p.m. Response: Mr. Howard Filkins
8:15 p.m. Moderator's Message: Rev. Woodrow Matthews
8:25 p.m. Special Music: Joplin Church Choir
8:30 p.m. Keynote Message: "We Believe the Bible" Rev. Dale Jones

Wednesday Morning, August 21

- 9:00 a.m. Music Director: Rev. Clarence Burton
Devotional: Rev. Dale Skiles
9:10 a.m. Business Session
10:45 a.m. Adjournment for Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Presiding: Rev. Russell Spurgeon
Music Director: Rev. Glenn Rehkop
Special Music: Miss Elaine Buehler and Mrs. Shirley Hunter
Message: "We Believe in the Holy Trinity"
12:00 Noon Adjournment for lunch

Wednesday Afternoon, August 21

- 1:30 p.m. Music Director: Rev. Alton Loveless
Devotional: Mr. Eugene Davis
1:50 p.m. Business Session
4:00 p.m. Adjournment

Wednesday Evening, August 21

- 7:30 p.m. Presiding: Rev. Luther Gibson
Music Director: Rev. Don Jones
Special Music: Rev. Jack Stallings
8:00 p.m. Message: "We Believe in the Great Commission"
Rev. Reford Wilson

Thursday Morning, August 22

- 9:00 a.m. Music Director: Rev. Dale Skiles
Devotional: Rev. Frank Giunta
9:15 a.m. Business Period
10:50 a.m. Recess
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Presiding: Rev. Grover Pingleton
Music Director: Rev. Frank Giunta
Special Music: Rev. Teddy Davis
Message: "We Believe in the Church"
Rev. Andy Lay
12:00 Noon Final Adjournment

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS. . .

Rev. Dale Jones is the Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri.

Rev. Reford Wilson is the Director of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Department, headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell is the President of Oklahoma Bible College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rev. Andy Lay is the Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville, Missouri

FOR THE ASSOCIATION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
JOPLIN, MISSOURI. . . . AUGUST 20, 1968

TUESDAY MORNING

Theme: "Back to the old Landmarks"
Deut. 6: 11 & 12

Thought for the Day: To return to the "sacred old landmarks".
Someone must assume the responsibility. Let it begin with us!

9:30 a.m. Convention Hymn "Jesus Calls Us"
Devotional Joplin Auxiliary
Special Music Mrs. Peggy Davis
Welcome Joplin Auxiliary
Response Mrs. Luther Gibson
Recognition of Delegates and appointment of committees.

"Something Different"
11:00 a.m. Worship in Song. "His Way With Thee"
Special Music Mrs. Jean Williams
Message Missionary Dan Cronk
Missions Offering
Adjourn Session

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m. Chorus Time
Devotional. Mrs. Brenda Evans
Special Music
Business Session
Report of Committees
Installation of Officers. Mrs. Braxine Evans
Final Adjournment

President Mrs. Joanne King
Music Director . . . Mrs. Janice Moore
Organist Mrs. Brenda Evans
Pianist Mrs. Rama Hartsell

NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS

Home and Foreign

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION
BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MARSHALL: The Olivet Church at Marshall, Mo. has experienced a spirit of revival this past month. 13 people have been saved, and 21 have united with the church. Praise God for this wonderful report from their pastor, Rev. Cliff Bowman.

CAPE GIRARDEAU: The Cape Church is still moving forward for the Lord. They have had several people saved and their Sunday School attendance continues to increase.

ST. JOSEPH: Things are progressing slowly in this city. Several contacts have been made this month, but we are witnessing a spirit of unconcern. Please pray for us that God will enable us to be the kind of witness that would glorify and honor His Name.

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

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Farmington Church	20.00
Mine La Motte	5.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River	15.00
Mr. Chester Raymer	10.00
Cooperative Receipts—State Assn.	587.20
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$938.95

Dale Skiles, Secretary Treasurer

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI PROJECT by Mark Vandivort

Greetings to our friends in Missouri. We are scheduled to move to Columbia the first week of August. We will appreciate your prayers as I look for a house the last part of July.

After August, I will be spending several weeks visiting Missouri churches in order to solicit support for our home mission salary.

Please send in the name and address of anyone you would like for us to contact in Columbia. Until our Columbia address

is established, you can mail correspondence to Mark Vandivort in care of the Board of Home Missions, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Pray that God will prepare our hearts for faithful witness. We realize that the success of our ministry in Columbia will greatly depend upon the prayer support of our Christian friends.

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URGENT NEED

The National Home Mission Board is facing an urgent financial need, the greatest in many years, and will of necessity have to curtail some missionary activity unless funds come in to the general fund. The missionary families in Trenton, Portland, and Seattle, as well as the Alaska missions, is supported at the present time from this fund plus all other staff and office expenses. The general fund is exhausted.

We cannot operate in the "red", so when there are no funds, there will be no checks issued.

If there are funds in your church, district, or state treasuries, that can be sent for this need, please send them to us and your personal gift is greatly needed. Send your gifts to the "general fund" or "deficit missionary account". As a denomination, we should shoulder the responsibility together and support our home mission and church extension missionaries.

Sincerely in Christ,
National Home Mission Board
Homer E. Willis, Treasurer

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Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
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First FWB, Cape Girardeau	16.00
Trinity FWB Church, Bridgeton	75.00
W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Alvie Francis, St. Louis	10.00
Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Earl Brakefield, St. Louis	30.00
Gilbert Fortney, Springfield	5.00
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	15.00
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
Fourth FWB, St. Louis	10.00
First FWB, Springfield	34.00
Union Grove SS & Church, Norwood	53.56
Oak Grove, Mtn. Grove	15.00
Alton FWB	17.31
FWB, Neosho	10.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	40.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	161.00
TOTAL	\$2,824.70

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Myrtle FWB	\$ 5.00
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Rock Chapel, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Mrs. Jack Judd, W. Plains	5.00
New Homes FWB, Hartville	30.00
Mrs. Vencie Long, Hartville	5.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	20.00
Wom. Aux. Overland FWB	10.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	10.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	31.05
Overland FWB	25.00
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Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	2.50
Mr. Olga Helsley, Hartville	11.00
Mr. Lindell Willhite, St. Louis	20.00
FWB, Cape Girardeau	10.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mt. Grove	5.00
Mrs. Oma Scott, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Mo. Mission Board	435.00
Mr. Leslie Hansen, St. Louis	10.00
Hannon FWB	35.00
Verdella FWB, Iantha	17.45
Oskaloosa FWB, Liberal	20.17
First FWB, Box 43, Festus	31.20
Grace FWB, Arnold	46.55
A friend, Webb City	2.00
Cooperative Plan	292.14
TOTAL MAY RECEIPTS	\$1,212.86

LETTER FROM SANDERS' IN HAWAII

Dear Co-Partners,

It has been several months since we wrote to you - not because we did not want to keep you informed but there has been so much activity that we did not know how to write a News Letter. First let me give you a brief statistical report: We are averaging well over a hundred in Sunday School and during the past month we have had 11 decisions, 13 new members and baptized 3.

The Lord has blessed in so many ways in providing for our needs - let me start at the beginning. About three months ago we bought a 36' x 100' six months old building valued at \$60,000.00. We obtained this building (which was equipped with two rest rooms, four rows of florescent lights from one end to the other, and several other items of furnishings) for \$3,000.00. It is costing us \$7,000.00 to move the building, have it posted, etc. Things seemed to be going our way until we tried to get a permit to build. City Hall refused to grant us a permit because they said they planned to put a road through our property at the exact spot where we wanted to put our new build-

ing. As if this was not enough they told us that they were going to "buy us out" and build a city park in this area. Well, if you ever saw a group of people pray with a burden these people did. We had the Free Will Baptist Bible College, The Free Will Baptist Headquarters Staff, and Bob Jones University. (Also BJU broadcast the prayer request over their two radio stations in Greenville, S.C. and Atlanta, Ga. joining us in prayer). I prepared a letter of protest to be given to the members of the City Council stating why we did not want to sell. After numerous conferences and telephone calls, we were invited to take our case to the Public Works Committee.

The situation really looked dark because we know of three other churches who have recently lost their property to the City and State. I had contacted a few government officials but there was no one willing to stick his "proverbial neck" out and take a stand with us against the City Planners and Parks Departments. On Friday, April 19, a few members of the church gathered for prayer; then we all went to City Hall to make ourselves heard in the meeting with the Public Works Committee. I do not think any of us quiet expected the Lord to work as He did. Our case was the first to be heard and it

started with the Assistant City Planner placing his large map on the board and pointing out where they were going to put a road through our property. The Chairman of the Committee, asked him if the road had to go that way and he, after much stammering, said it could be changed. Then the Chairman showed him where he thought the road should go which would miss our property completely. The Chairman of the Committee was the Councilman from our District and was familiar with our area. Then the representative from the Parks Department put his map on the board and the beauty of the proposed park was breath taking. After his brief explanation of what they planned to do to beautify the area, he was asked how many acres they had already obtained, and after some hesitation he said 35 or 40 acres. Then someone else spoke up and said 51. The Chairman then asked me, "How much land do you have, Pastor Sanders?" and I firmly answered, "One and one-half acres, sir." Then he said in a very dignified but stern manner to the City Planners and Parks Departments, "You have enough land without interrupting the good work of this Church. You are instructed to issue their building permit." The Parks official removed his map and said, "Very well, I

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	1968 Quota	This Month Receipts	Total Given	Balance
Alabama	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 408.19	\$ 2,603.99	\$ 5,896.01
Alaska	500.00	10.00	10.00	490.00
Arizona	500.00	3.00	254.22	245.78
Arkansas	6,000.00	309.74	2,047.74	3,952.26
California	10,500.00	332.54	2,276.30	8,223.70
Canada	500.00		89.00	411.00
Colorado	500.00	51.00	269.98	230.02
Florida	10,000.00	748.89	2,754.69	7,245.31
Georgia	500.00	532.44	2,060.82	2,939.18
Hawaii	500.00		196.00	304.00
Idaho	1,000.00	24.79	134.58	865.42
Illinois	4,000.00	51.85	512.87	3,487.13
Indiana	2,000.00	478.21	943.33	1,056.67
Iowa	500.00	3.55	13.49	486.51
Kansas	3,500.00	144.32	253.63	3,246.37
Kentucky	5,000.00	214.75	1,335.62	3,664.38
Maine	500.00	125.00	365.00	135.00
Mexico	500.00			500.00
Michigan	6,500.00	275.74	1,764.92	4,735.08
Miscellaneous	6,631.16	122.35	3,758.07	2,873.09
Mississippi	4,940.00	645.52	3,837.44	1,102.56
Missouri	11,000.00	1,212.86	5,565.18	5,434.82
New Hampshire	500.00	9.36	154.36	345.64
New Jersey	500.00	10.00	72.36	427.64
New Mexico	500.00		125.11	374.89
North Carolina	20,000.00	1,348.85	7,052.40	12,947.60
Ohio	5,000.00	488.17	1,679.24	3,320.76
Oklahoma	21,000.00	2,102.20	7,846.22	13,153.78
Oregon	500.00	30.00	165.60	334.40
South Carolina	4,500.00	229.12	1,276.48	3,223.32
Tennessee	21,000.00	2,341.94	7,998.89	13,001.11
Texas	4,500.00	79.67	527.74	3,972.26
Virginia	5,000.00	508.11	1,976.37	3,023.63
Washington	2,500.00	15.61	918.80	1,581.20
West Virginia	2,500.00	65.00	562.12	1,937.88
Other States	3,500.00	146.28	594.26	2,905.74
Total Quota Rec'ts	<u>\$180,071.16</u>	<u>\$13,069.05</u>	<u>\$61,996.82</u>	<u>\$118,074.34</u>
Exchange and/or Refunds		<u>38.00</u>	<u>250.34</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$13,107.05</u>	<u>\$62,247.16</u>	

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



ATTENTION PLEASE!!
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT CANCELLED

Due to conflicting dates in the State on the district and associational level, we deem that it would be advisable to cancel plans for the State Woman's Retreat. Make plans now to attend the State Meeting for program highlights and informative ideas that would have been presented at the retreat.

Program committee,
Peggy Davis and Jean Williams

ATTENTION ALL MO. AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Plan to attend the Mo. State Auxiliary Banquet to be sponsored by Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptists Church of Joplin on Tuesday evening, August 20.

If possible, we would appreciate all churches sending an approximate number who plans to attend.

Send to: First Free Will Baptist Church
2301 Connecticut
Joplin, Mo. 64801

MISSIONARY BILLOWS AT THAYER

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met June 11 for their regular meeting with 13 members and three visitors present. The program opened with singing "I Love to Tell the Story". Prayer by Sister Bernard Roberts.

Our new program chairman, Clara Allen, was in charge of the program. A very good program was given, "What is Missionary Education", by May Baker, Clara Allen and Ina Bennett.

Officers reports were given. It was voted to change our meeting date to the first Tuesday of the month in order to get our reports in.

Our missionary from Mexico, Brother Billows, was with us in the Sunday morning service June 9. we received a great blessing in hearing this man of God, and about their work. I believe we will be more missionary minded after we heard Brother Billows.

On Wednesday evening, June 5, officers for the 1968-69 year were installed and they are listed below:

President, Gay Combs; vice president, Lola Manes; missions chairman, Nettie Bennett; study course chairman, Jo Pingleton; program prayer chairman, Clara Allen; secretary, Charleen Janes; corresponding secretary, Helen Underwood; personal service-evangelism chairman, Ruby Johnson; treasurer, Lorene Pohnert; historian, Charleen Janes.

Cor. Sect.
Helen Underwood

REV. MACK SELECTED AS MISSIONARY

The Free Will Baptist Womens Auxiliary of West Plains, Mo. met June 3 with nine members and three visitors present. The new president, Gracie Stephen, had charge of the meeting.

Opening song was "I Love to Tell the Story". Prayer by Alpha Caraway. Report of officers were given and accepted. A good letter was read from the Rev. Luther Sanders.

The election of the new officers were as follows: president, Gracie Stephen; vice president, Eudene Adkisson; recording secretary, Addie Adkisson; corresponding secretary, Hattie Sims; personal service chairman, Tula Johnson; program prayer chairman, Effie Lou Moss; study course chairman, Phyllis Miller; mission chairman, Edith Dumlér; treasurer, Nellie Gregory. Sister Marean Holeman was selected to install our new officers.

Vacation Bible School Comm. was selected as follows: Phyllis Miller, Lula Johnson, and Addie Adkisson.

It was motioned and seconded we send Rev. Sanders \$10.00.

Rev. Mack of Canada was selected as our '68-'69 missionary. The motion was made and seconded we continue to send birthday cards to all missionaries.

Our Co-Labor Lesson "What is Missionary Education?" was given by the following: Tula Johnson, Ruth Robertson, Phyllis Miller and Hattie Sims. We were dismissed by Tula Johnson.

Hattie Sims, Cor. Sect.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH REPORTS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, held their May meeting at the church on Monday, June 13, with fifteen members and two visitors present.

The evening program "Missions Begin in the Home", opened with the group singing the hymn "Jesus Calls Us." The scripture for the evening was taken from Matthew 5: 15-16 and read by Pat Morris with prayer by Minnie Burcham.

The program, which dealt with the fa-

mily's concern for our missionaries, was presented by Mary Grieshaber, followed with a short skit given by Wanda & Bonnie Ragsdale, which gave a vivid picture of how we all overlook the Missionary opportunities in our own homes and neighborhoods. The program was closed with prayer by Rachel Milburn.

The officers for the coming year were installed in a very impressive candle light service under the direction of Mrs. Harley Brown of the Parkview Church in Desloge. The challenges and duties of each office were clearly given by Mr. Brown to each new officer. Each incoming officer then lit a candle which represented their willingness to fill each office to the best of their ability.

The program was closed with prayer.
Mary Grieshaber
Corr. Sec.

ENLISTMENT TEA

The ladies of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville, Mo., held an enlistment tea in the chapel of the educational building Thursday, May 16, at 8 o'clock. The program was opened with a welcome and a few remarks by LuEtta Stewart, study course chairman. Bernice Thomas, enlistment chairman, read scripture and gave a further welcome to members and guests.

A short play, "Duties of Officers", was given to acquaint those present as to what each officer does. The auxiliary song "So Send I You", was sung by Dortha Stilwell. The installing of new officers was presided over by Rev. Andy Lay, who read I Corinthians 3: 1-6, and gave a charge to each to answer the high calling, have unity and friendship in auxiliary and everyday life. Also to have Christ first in everything and have your life Christ-centered. Rev. Lay then rendered prayer for the auxiliary in the coming year. The meeting was closed in prayer by Lola Matthew. Refreshments were served in the kitchen.

Corresponding Secretary
Martha Barnhill

CAVE SPRING DISTRICT AUXILIARY

Woman's District Auxiliary of the Cave Spring Association met May 17, 1968 at
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6:30 p.m. with West Plains FWB Church in West Plains, Mo., for the third meeting. This was the annual meeting for the first year of this organized district.

Sister Phyllis Miller, district president, called the meeting to order and welcomed each one present. The devotion and prayer was by the Alton pastor, Bro. McCulley. Minutes were read and approved. Reports were given by the secretary on the executive meeting held April 18. The annual report was also given for the entire year.

The treasurer report was given and accepted at this time.

Old Business - The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year. Motion made and carried to elect the slate of officers that the committees had presented to the Body.

New Business - The four local auxiliaries agreed to pay \$25.00 each on a mixer for youth camp, providing one could be bought for \$100.00.

The next district meeting is to be held October 24, 1968, at 6:30 p.m. with the Alton FWB Church.

Motion was made and carried to elect district officers in 1969 for two year terms.

Delegates elected to the state meeting at Joplin, Mo. in August were Sis. F. D. Johnson, Sis. G. G. Pingleton, Sis. Tommy Carlson, Sister Lorene Pohnert and Sis. McCulley.

The business meeting was adjourned at this time, and Bro. Tommy Carlson installed the district officers. Bro. Dave Franks prayed the prayer of dedication for the officers.

West Plains pastor, Bro. Johnson ask the blessing on the refreshments which the West Plains ladies had prepared. After the fellowship and refreshments, the Stewardship Chairman gave the devotion and introduced as guest speaker one of our missionaries from Brazil, Bro. Dave Franks. He showed some very interesting slides of the mission work in Brazil then he brought a wonderful message which stirred each heart and blessed from the Word of God. An offering was taken for Bro. Dave Franks account. He and his family will be leaving the States this summer for a period of four more years to Brazil. Dismissal prayer by the Thayer pastor, Bro. Pingleton.

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District Corr. Sect.

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shall submit these plans for revision."

I think I was just a little bit disappointed because the Lord had worked it out so efficiently without too much help from me. I was ready with a lot of facts and figures and I was anxious to wade into them - my "gun" was loaded and ready, but the only thing I got to say was "Thank you sir, I appreciate this very much." "To God be the glory, great things He hath done." See Isaiah 47: 20.

We need your continued prayers and
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financial support because we are trying to build a full size basement with this building in order to improve the value of our property.

I am confident that the Lord led us into this building program now, because if we had waited another year the planning department and the Parks Department of the City and County of Honolulu would have had their plans too far advanced to change. We do not feel that we are financially able to assume this additional heavy load which is an addition to the \$10,000.00 that we owe on the land. This is a tremendous step of faith—please keep us before the Throne of Grace.

For Christ in Hawaii,

Luther, Helen, Brenda & Bobby Sanders

NEWS FROM MACK OWENS FAMILY

Dear Friend in Christ,

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you (Matthew 7: 7)

Thanks be unto the Lord for answered prayer. Jackie has recovered from a very serious kidney infection. The doctors here in Yarmouth treated her and after two months of discomfort it was decided that she should return to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Quebec. A minor surgical procedure was done and she began to recover. It was also discovered that she now has 60% of her remaining kidney functioning. We are thankful for this, as we feared that a kidney transplant might be necessary in a few years. This will not be necessary now, but she will have to return to Montreal more frequently for further evaluations. In six months she will go back for more tests.

We wish to thank each of you for your prayers and we feel that God intervened in a very special way, relieving her of much suffering. she is now at home and about her normal activities.

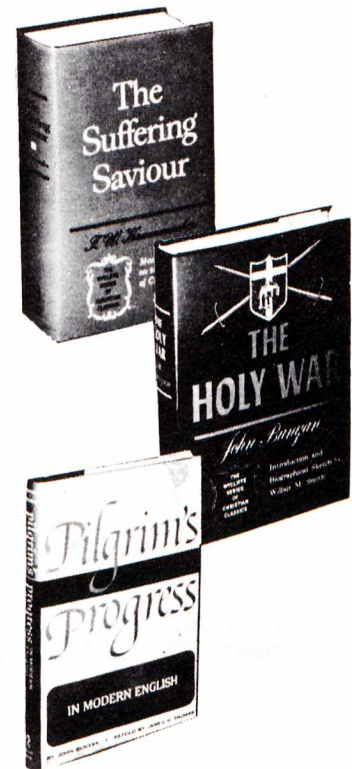
The work here in Nova Scotia moves ahead. At the time I had to take Jackie to Montreal, we had just closed a two-week revival meeting in Yarmouth. Many decisions were made - one lady was saved and many others rededicated their lives. Christians were strengthened. The meetings continued at Forest Glen with Reverend Angus Mac Dougal leading the services and Reverend George Archibald preaching. These two dear saints of God filled in for me in our two churches while we were in Montreal for two and one half weeks.

We are now in our beginning stages in the Yarmouth work, so if you would continue to pray for our Sunday school and worship services it would undoubtedly be the greatest aid to us. The Lord has provided us with a good building and location. We need a piano and pews, along with precious souls to fill the chapel.

To you who have made it possible for us to be in the ministry here, we say a big "thank you"! Trusting the Lord to give us souls for Him,

Your missionaries to Nova Scotia,
The Mack Owens family

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FROM THE

FIELDS



CAPE GIRARDEAU CHURCH HAS GOOD REVIVAL

in last month's issue of the GEM, we reported of a good revival with Bro. Bill Ketchum from Bixby, Oklahoma in which three were saved and four were rededicated and two were added to the church. We failed to mention the name of the church, which was the Free Will Baptist Church at Cape Girardeau. Sorry, Editor's mistake.



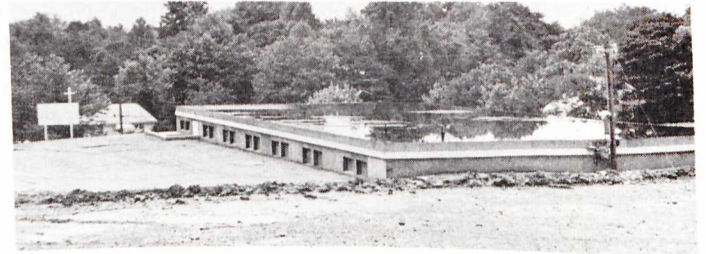
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lynn Frazier and family



Interior view of the church at Cape Girardeau, Mo.



The Cape Girardeau congregation.



Basement of the church at Cape Girardeau.

Dear Bro. Hill,

Allow us to share with you a picture of our congregation at Cape Girardeau taken by Bro. Henry Jacobs on June 2, 1968. There was a total of 56 present for Sunday School. Our average for May was also 56. God has blessed us in many ways and we are very thankful. Our new basement unit has proven to be a good step.

The importance of dedicated lay people has been illustrated to us here in this work for God. We feel that God blessed us in a special way when Ernest Lynn Frazier and his family became a part of our church. Bro. Frazier teaches the adult Sunday School class. His wife, Gloria, teaches pre-school Sunday School class. The Fraziers have two sons, Bryan and Bruce, and one daughter, Heather. Others in our church have also helped us realize how much we need and depend upon others. God has given us some very precious people to share in this work for Christ.

Sincerely,
Don Jones

NEW PASTOR OF VIBURNUM FWB

Darrel Morris became pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church at Viburnum on April 14, 1968 upon the retirement of Rev. Long. Reverend Morris comes to Viburnum from Mill Creek Baptist Church at Fredericktown, Mo. He and his wife have one daughter, Darlinda, who completed the first grade at the Viburnum Elementary School. He is employed by St. Joseph Lead Co. at Mine 28.

LETTER FROM DESOTO CHURCH

Dear Co-Laborers,

Christian greetings once again in the Name of our Lord Jesus from the Free Will Baptist Church in Desoto. We thank the dear Lord and we are made to rejoice in our hearts for what the Lord has done for us since we last wrote to you. We know faith and victory go hand in hand and each is a gift of God.

The Lord is still blessing us with the salvation of souls. Three were saved recently and baptized and one added to the church.

On Saturday night, May 4, our church sponsored a singing convention. The main groups of singers were "The Harmony Echoes", "The J. Smith Family", both from a Granite City church, "The Evans" from Overland Free Will Baptist Church, and some of our own community talent. We enjoyed it very much.

From the legal point of view, we can now start construction on our church bsement.

We recently sold two bonds totaling \$1,100 and have more bonds to sell.

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The Sunday School Convention was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, almost 150 were present. 46 of our Sunday School attended and we took the banner home for the second time with 100% of our average attendance. We are very proud of our Sunday School. We thank the Lord for our young people who work so faithfully for the Sunday School.

Our pastor, Rev. Charles Miller, has been very busy visiting the sick and unsaved. He is doing a wonderful job of delivering the Gospel of Christ. Sister Miller is also helpful and faithful in the Lord's work. We must all be about our Father's business as we look out on the fields we see the harvest is ripe. St. John 4: 35: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." We must pray the Lord will send laborers into His vineyard to work while it is yet day because the night cometh when no man can work.

We desire the prayers of all Christians for the Free Will Baptist work in DeSoto. Without your prayers and God's help, we can do nothing.

God bless everyone of you.

In Christian love,

Brenda Berry, reporter

Sophia Ackerson, Assistant reporter

Rev. Charles Miller, pastor

CHURCH ELECTS NEW PASTOR

The Richwoods FWB Church has elected Rev. Esley Kronk as pastor.

TEENS AT VICTORY



We at Victory in Avondale are rejoicing. God has blessed us with teenagers. We thank God for our new pastor, Bro. Lawrence Thompson and wife, Ruth, and daughter, Pam. They have been a blessing to the teens and helping us work with them as sponsors. We have had twenty-eight in C.T.S. and they work in all phases of the church work. One of our boys is preaching, we have a choir director and others are teachers, musicians and singers. We believe John 14: 14 has been proved.

We just closed a revival at our church with Bro. Cliff Bowman from Cuba, Mo., which was the greatest yet. He preached the Bible like all teens truly want to hear it preached, without fear or favor of man. The very first night, a teenager led the way to the altar. We saw around 42 decisions made in seven nights. Several were teens. We are so thankful that in a world such as this, not all teens are seeking worldliness but the Word of God. Youth night was Saturday and we had about 45 teens in the services.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Youth sponsors,

Arlo and Freda Starnes

FOURTH CHURCH HAS GOOD REVIVAL

Bro. Hill & Gem Readers,

In the Name of Jesus we greet you!

Our revival closed out May 8, 1968, with several first time conversions and with many re-dedicating their lives unto the Lord. Rev. Don Pegram, of Portsmouth, Ohio, was our evangelist.

Surely, Bro. Pegram is a devout man of God. A fully dedicated minister of the Gospel. We truly thank God for sending him our way for this revival.

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Our Sunday School average for May was 188. We had a project in the Sunday School that lasted ten weeks ending May 19. The name of the project was "On the Hunt". The pupil bringing the most visitors during this time was awarded a full-feathered Indian war bonnet. The children really worked during this project and the Lord did bless.

June 17, 1968 is the beginning date of the Annual Youth Encampment, and the young people are looking forward to attending this session. There will be several from Fourth Church attending this year. Since acquiring a large school bus, transportation is no problem and many will be able to go that henceforth could not. We pray that God will bless all the young people of all churches at this year's encampment.

The Lord continues to bless our Sunday School Extension. This is the department of our church in which we take the weekly Sunday School lesson to those who are unable to get out to Sunday School. Bro. Johnny James is our Extension Superintendent, and is doing a fine work in this department. If your church wants a real blessing and there are those who are unable to get out, then we can surely recommend the Sunday School Extension.

Also, our Daily Vacation Bible School, will begin July 1, 1968. We trust the Lord will again bless in this endeavor, as He always does. These young people will be the future church and it is our privilege to teach them the Word of God.

The Ladies of the church were privileged to have the ladies from the Southside Church meet with them June 9, 1968 for their Study Course. Sis. Lucille Beatty was the guest speaker of this meeting. We give thanks for our Ladies Auxiliary and pray that God will continue to bless them as they labor for Him. Sis. Mildred Killian was elected President at their recent election of officers.

Again, I would like to invite any of you readers of the GEM, to participate in our Bond Program. We still have several bonds on hand. If you feel the Lord leading you to help us please call our pastor, Rev. H. T. Dann, collect. His number is ST 1-2499.

May the Lord richly bless you all.

Your Brother in Christ,

L. Killian, Rep.

OVERLAND FWB CHURCH HAS GOOD REVIVAL

I am sending in a report on our revival that has just concluded. Rev. Tom Malone, from the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri was our evangelist. The Holy Spirit moved upon our people from the very first night. The attendance was just great even though the weather was very bad. Fifteen souls walked down the aisle for salvation. Twenty-seven went forward for rededication and consecration. The altars had someone at them praying at each service. Truly the Overland Free Will Baptist Church can say, "We have been with Jesus." But this is not all. The first Sunday after the revival closed, one dear soul was saved Sunday morning and one saved Sunday night. Six were baptized with others to follow. The choir under the direction of Bro. Howard Dobkins was just great, and the special singing under the direction of Bro. and Sis. Evans couldn't have been better.

Harry R. Asher, Pastor

CHURCH HAS WONDERFUL MISSIONARY REVIVAL

The Grant Ave. FWB Church was blessed in a great way in a missionary revival during the past month. There were 19 rededications and one conversion in these four services. The church was blessed by the messages brought by Bro. Arthur Billows, our Missionary from Old Mexico.

Prior to this missionary revival the church had a real good Daily Vacation Bible School with 144 enrolled. The Lord blessed in these days also. Rev. C. R. Hill is the pastor.

BURDENED FOR MORE HOME MISSIONS

Dear Gem Readers,

Greetings to readers of the Gem everywhere. We look forward

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ALIVE



PASTOR

THIS PASTOR AND LAYMAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS TO THE DEVIL'S WORK. BOTH ARE KNOWN TO USE THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT AND THE SHIELD OF FAITH. BOTH ARE VISIONARIES AND UNSATISFIED WITH THE STATUS QUO. THEY ARE KNOWN TO FREQUENT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH REGULARLY AND ARE AVOWED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST. A \$100.00 CASH REWARD WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE APPREHENSION OF THE PASTOR AND LAYMAN WHO ISSUE THE MOST ETTA OR SSWTC CERTIFICATES IN EXCESS OF 100 DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR.



LAYMAN

TEXTBOOKS AND CREDIT CARDS MUST BE ORDERED THROUGH THE FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

\$100⁰⁰ REWARD

CONTACT:

H. D. HARRISON, PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
P. O. BOX 1088
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37202

Dear Sunday School Enthusiast:

Could the person on the WANTED poster be you? Would you like to claim the \$100.00 reward? I believe you are capable.

We live in an age which is very demanding. It has been proven that a trained worker is more efficient and effective. Your National Sunday School Board recognizes the great need for trained workers in the Sunday Schools and churches of our denomination. So strong are these convictions that in a recent meeting the Sunday School Board unanimously voted to pay \$100.00 cash to the pastor and also to the layman who issues the most ETTA or SSWTC credit cards in excess of 100 during the calendar year. This covers the period from January 1, 1968 to January 1, 1969. Any credit cards already issued through this office since January 1, 1968 count for this year.

ent training courses which will help to equip your teachers and leaders to do a better job for the Lord. This is an opportunity for you to get personally involved in this training ministry. It will pay big dividends in more ways than the \$100.00 cash reward. It will provide more and better teachers and leaders; more and better informed pupils, in short, more of God's blessings.

Who is eligible to teach these courses for credit?

ALL ETTA DIPLOMA HOLDERS

EVERY PASTOR

ANY LAYMAN OR LAYWOMAN RECOMMENDED BY PASTOR

What are the requirements?

Meet minimum standards set forth in enclosed brochure. Order textbooks through Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department. Furnish this office with list of names eligible for credit cards.

You could be the WANTED PERSON on the circular. If so you'll claim the REWARD. We'll be waiting to hear from you. Good luck and happy teaching.

Sincerely in Christ,
Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department
H. D. Harrison, Promotional Secretary

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to receiving the Gem each month and enjoy every bit of news and information.

It has been many moons since we wrote a personal letter to you. The past year has been a year of rest that has been refreshing in many ways. We haven't pastored since we resigned from the new church at DeSoto over a year ago. We have enjoyed visiting several of our churches in Southwest Missouri area and listening to our Holy Spirit anointed pastors feed their flock.

The one thing that has struck my heart with a very heavy burden is the Macedonian call of areas where we have no Free Will Baptist churches. Five towns have called on us in the past year asking for help to start new churches. Please, Christians, pray for God to send able workers into these areas. Our State Mission board is doing their best facing the limitations they have to face.

Yours in Christ,
Charles H. Moyers
Rt. 1, Pevely, Mo. 63070

ABSENT

Where were you last Sunday?

We saw the empty pew.

Don't you know we missed you

And Jesus missed you, too?

Where were you when the hymns were sung,

And the organ sweetly played?

You were absent when the pastor spoke,

And other Christians prayed.

We missed you, too, on Wednesday night—

Church lights burning brightly there;

But we missed you, how we missed you,

When we kneeled for mid-week prayer!

There is a place within your church,

Intended just for you.

We'll look for you next Sunday,

In that vacant, lonely pew.

Composed and contributed by Mrs. Alvin Highley, Farmington
Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Missouri

July 1968



The National Layman's Board

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Box 1088

Nashville, Tennessee 37202

May 15, 1968

Dear Pastor:

The Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Rufus C. Coffey, recently made the following statement: "It is my desire to see at least one Layman serving on each Board of the National Association". I'm sure that each of you share this desire; however, they must be Laymen who are qualified spiritually and have the knowledge and wisdom to make decisions as they are confronted with various problems.

With the leadership of the Lord, the Laymen Board has been given the responsibility to maintain an association for the Laymen and it is our desire to promote Laymen participation in the local church and various church associations throughout our denomination. In the past, our Laymen have "taken a back seat", and as a result of this, have not grown spiritually or acquired knowledge of the denominational work.

We're happy to announce that within the next 12 to 18 months, the Laymen Board should be in a position to employ a full-time Director; however, certain things must be accomplished:

1. At least 100 new Masters Men's Chapters must be organized.
2. We must maintain participation of the Co-operative funds.
3. We must have Spiritual and Physical Support from the Pastors.

HOW CAN YOU HELP???

1. If you do not have an Active Laymen Group in your church, organize a Masters Men's Chapter immediately. Complete the attached application for Charter now. It only costs \$1.50 per year per Layman. This price includes the Quarterly Magazine "ATTACK". Organizational material will be forwarded immediately, to enable you to organize before July 1, 1968.
2. Make a special plea to your congregation for a special offering for the Laymen Board. If funds are available, a full-time Director may be employed by January 1, 1969. If each church would send a special offering of \$25.00, this could be assured.
3. PRAY for our work. At present 95% of the work is performed by Laymen on a voluntary basis. They need your prayer support as well as your moral support.

WILL YOU HELP??? - Make your application now!!! The interests of your Laymen must be generated by you as a Pastor.
- Ask for a Special Offering on the First Sunday in June, 1968, then send it immediately to the Laymen Board. If you will do this, the desires referred to above can be accomplished.

May God richly bless you and your church.

Kimble Crossley
Kimble Crossley
Board Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Fellowship, Flat River	200							
Farmington	116	129	142	160	153			
Southside, St. Louis	109	117	133	142	120			
Trinity, St. Louis	117	149	156	144	134			
Kirksville	109	127	136	151	142			
Grant Ave., Springfield	175	188	186	187	183			
Viburnum Church	43	44	43	54				
Mine La Motte	17	31	27	36				
KoshKonong	43	51	62	62	62			
First, Mtn. Grove	213	277	287	287				
Desloge	74	82	90		92			
First, Springfield	211	213	262	268	225			
Hannon	54	63	64	61	62			
Leadington	112	133	156					
Copper Mines	62	90	93	85	87			
Fourth Church, St. Louis	162	183	190	176	188			
West Plains	162	169	176		166			
First, Lebanon				92	90			
Myrtle Church	50	67		70	66			
Twin City Ch., Festus	49	59	64	55				
Hartville Church	64	67	74	64	65			
Cape Girardeau	24	48	75	70	56			
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	76							
Sunnyview, Lebanon	67	68		81				
Desoto	41	52	56		53			
Grace Church	154	189	250					
Berkeley	304	346	410	370				
Central Church								
Thayer	102	129	129	135	124			
Overland	162	201	216	215	203			
St. Joseph		18		18				
Richwoods				53	65			
Gateway Church, St. Louis	43	54	57	64				
Twin Oak Church								
Salem								26

Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

MAY, 1968 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Jefferson City First	\$	19.60
New Harmony SS		5.77
Merl's Chapel	Apr.	30.57
Cabool	Apr.	48.59
Willow Springs	Apr.	66.70
Victory	Apr.	155.07
Mt. Grove	Apr.	203.33
Fellowship	Apr.	50.00
Beacon	Apr.	105.84
Farmington	Apr.	158.23
Buffalo FWB	May	27.00
Overland	Apr.	281.00
Monett	Apr.	135.25
Central	Apr.	128.00
Pleasant Home		57.76
Cope FWB	Apr.	18.04
Eldorado First	Apr.	7.08
Hannon	Apr.	46.00
Cape Girardeau	Apr.	57.66
Leadington		131.00
Rock Chapel	Apr.	26.78
Desoto	Apr.	45.50
Carterville	Apr.	18.53
Copper Mines	Apr.	42.00
Meramec Heights	May	25.00
Mt. Valley	Jan.Feb. & Mar.	48.02
O'Fallon	May	45.94
Lebanon First	May	150.00
Hickory Grove		24.40
Mt. Pisgah	May	18.69
Mine La Motte	May	10.79
Cabool	May	36.67
Thayer	May	69.70
Smyrna in Cave Springs Assn.		
Adopted in May		20.00
Independence FWB		21.60
Waynesville	Apr. May	98.80
Verdella		118.10
Union Free Will Baptist Ch.		25.00
Grace	Apr.	175.42
Viburnum	May	41.20
Eldorado First	May	8.67
South Side	May	144.00
Beacon	May	124.94
Berkeley	May	256.55
West Plains, Bethel	May	45.00

Fellowship	May	50.00
Overland	May	239.00
A Friend	May	7.23
TOTAL		\$3,670.00

DISBURSED MAY 1968

55.00% National FWB	\$2,018.50
1.00% C.T.S.	367.70
2.00% Youth Camp	73.40
3.75% Gem	137.62
8.25% General F.	302.78
14.00% Mo. Promotional Dept.	513.80
16.00% Missouri Missions	587.20
100.00% Total % Disbursed	\$3,670.00
Harry Beatty, Sec.-Treasurer	

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY CORNER

Saturday, May 4, one of the four simultaneous Missouri Church Training Service and Sunday School regional workshops was held in Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church. Saturday evening Rev. Raymond Riggs climaxed this service with a real missions, and Sunday School challenge, plus a good gospel sermon.

First Mission Quarterly Meeting of Mission Association assembled with Houston Free Will Baptist Church Thursday, May 9. All 23 of their churches represented with delegates. Ministers preaching during the day were Archie Hogue, Bill Price, Melvin Grevter, Payton Smyers, F. D. Johnson, and J. D. O'Donnell. Time was given by Moderator Eddie Altis for our Missouri Co-Operative Program, to which about 50% of their churches contribute regularly. Pastor Morton and Houston Church did a fine job hosting this meeting. They have finished and furnished their new church building. Pastor Morton reported two souls were saved during Wednesday evening in prayer meeting, preceding this quarterly meeting.

Saturday, May 11, Indian Creek Minister's fellowship convened with Jones Chapel Church. Ministers speaking on assigned subjects were O. T. Allred, Opal Jefferies, James McCulley and Rev. James Franklin delivered the principal sermon at 11 a.m. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative Program in the afternoon. This same week Jones Chapel was in the midst of a good soul saving revival with Evangelist Parish from Arkansas preaching each evening.

Sunday morning, May 12 I delivered the message in Granby Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor McCulley and the church pledged to resume their Co-Operative giving through Missouri Cooperative Fund.

Sunday evening, May 12, we enjoyed another good service with Pastor Hampton and Waynesville Church. I delivered the evening sermon there. Ten souls were saved in their revival recently. In response to an invitation from Pastor Albert McFarland and Gateway Free Will Baptist Church, I delivered the Sunday evening message there May 20. They have completed their plans and are now ready

to build their sanctuary in a new subdivision in South County.

Southeast Missouri ministers' Semi-Annual meeting met in Fellowship Church, Saturday, May 25. Fifteen ministers present. Missionaries Franks, Aldridge and Nason each delivered messages and brought Christian greeting from their people in their respective fields of labor. We worshiped with Pastor Graham and Aulsbury Chapel Sunday morning, May 26. Also delivered the morning sermon there. Aulsbury recently experienced a good revival and continues to win souls for the Lord. Sunday evening we worshiped with Pastor Malone and our Fellowship Church, and delivered the evening sermon to a full church in attendance. Fellowship also continues to move forward winning souls for the Lord.

Forty-three churches gave through Mo. Cooperative Fund in May. One more adopted this plan this month. Remember your Book Store when purchasing Bibles.



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