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YOUTH CAMP NEWS & VIEWS



Can you identify these? This was the
serving committee the last morning for
the teen session.

The Lord blessed and we are grateful!
Our goal for the camp sessions was 600 -
our enrollment was 739! This is wonderful
- wonderful from the standpoint that many
of our young people had the privilege
of enjoying the fun, fellowship and most of
all the teaching and preaching of the Word.
There were 70 professions of faith and 41
rededications at the pre-teen camp; 30
professions and 28 rededications at the
teen camp. Doesn't this make you want
to say AMEN!

Because of the increase in attendance
we feel the need of expanding some of
the facilities. As many of the adult workers
expressed - it is not only a need - it is a
must. Let me list some of the needs: the
tabernacle must be enlarged, there must be
two more classrooms, the restrooms must
be enlarged or two new ones built. (The
Woman's Auxiliary may undertake the pro-
ject of building a new restroom on the
girls side. God bless the Missouri State
Woman's Auxiliary.)

In order to expand it will mean extra
giving on the part of those concerned. I
believe and I'm sure you believe that Free
Will Baptists in Missouri will respond to
this need, for the sake of our children.
Actually, it will not require a great amount
from any church, if several churches will
help. Let me mention a plan that one of
the ministers at camp suggested - Ask
each church interested in our Youth Camp
to give \$10.00 a month to the Camp Expan-
sion Program. This giving would continue
as long as there is a need. That sounds



This is one of the class groups for the
pre-teens. Mrs. Gibson, one of the
teachers is in the back.

good. If thirty churches in Missouri will
give \$10.00 a month for this need we can
get this expansion underway in the im-
mediate future. Pastors, will you discuss
this with your church and let us hear from
you? The names of the churches giving to
this program will appear each month on the
News and Views Page in the Gem. The
checks should be sent to Rev. William
Reeves, Free Will Baptist Youth Camp,
Niangua, Missouri. (Ear mark the check
for "Expansion Program")

There is so much that could be said
about the wonderful camp sessions we
enjoyed this year. Everyone was so co-
operative. Several of the men helped com-
plete the work of putting on the siding and
some helped with the painting. The ladies
are always so helpful with the kitchen
work. May the Lord bless each one, adults
and young people alike who were so willing
to help.

We have some exciting plans for next
year! The ladies submitted some new ideas
to the Youth Camp Board which should
prove to be helpful. These ideas along with
others will help to make the sessions more
enjoyable and profitable. The Lord has
been good to us so let us say with the
Psalmist "O give thanks unto the Lord; for
He is good; for his mercy endureth for
ever."

Clarence H. Burton
Promotional Secretary
Youth Camp Board

Other pictures will be forthcoming. Keep
reading Youth Camp News and Views.
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STATE MEETING NEWS

FROM THE MODERATOR

The annual session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists have proven to be a time of inspiration and edification to those who attend. Considering the work done by the standing boards and the program outlined, the session this year should be no exception. The First Free Will Baptist Church, Joplin, will host the convention, August 20-22, 1968. Reverend Alton Loveless, host Pastor. Please pray for a great spiritual refreshing.

The General Board will meet on Monday, August 19, 2:00 p.m., at the host church. Pastors wishing to sit in on this meeting are welcome.

Woodrow Matthews, Moderator

Lodging Accommodations In

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

(In Season Rates) (One Room)

East Seventh Street Motel (MA 4-7450) Located 22 blocks from the church on U.S. 66 Route at 1902 East 7th Street. TV-Air Conditioned, kitchenette-family units. 20 units. One bed - \$6.00 to \$7.00, two beds - \$7.00 to \$8.00, extra per person \$1.00.

Hollywood Inn (MA 4-7700) Located 14 blocks from church on U.S. 71 - 166 at 3535 Range Line. Room phones, T.V., air conditioned, restaurant, pool, playground, 130 units. One bed \$10.00, two beds \$12.00, extra per person \$2.00.

Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge (MA 3-0100) Located 14 blocks from church on U.S. 66 and 71 at 3500 Range Line. Room phones, TV, air conditioned, restaurant adjacent, swimming pool, 72 units. One bed \$10.30, two beds \$13.50, extra per person \$1.00.

Riviera Motel (MA 4-6500) Located 14 blocks from church on U.S. 71 and 166 at 3333 Range Line. Room phones, TV, air conditioned, swimming pool, playground with 30 units. One bed \$10.00, two beds \$12.00, extra per person \$2.00.

Sands Motor Lodge (MA 4-7300) Located 18 blocks from church on U.S. 71 and 166 at 1600 Range Line. Room phones, TV, air conditioned, restaurant, pool with 61 units. One bed \$9.00-\$12.00, two beds \$11.00-\$12.00, extra per person \$1.00-\$2.00.

Thunderbird Motel (MA 4-7600) Located 15 blocks from church on U.S. 71 and 166 at 2121 Range Line. Room phones, TV, air conditioned, pool, playground, restaurant nearby, and with 30 units. One bed \$10.00, two beds \$12.00, extra per person \$2.00.

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PROGRAM of the FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION 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

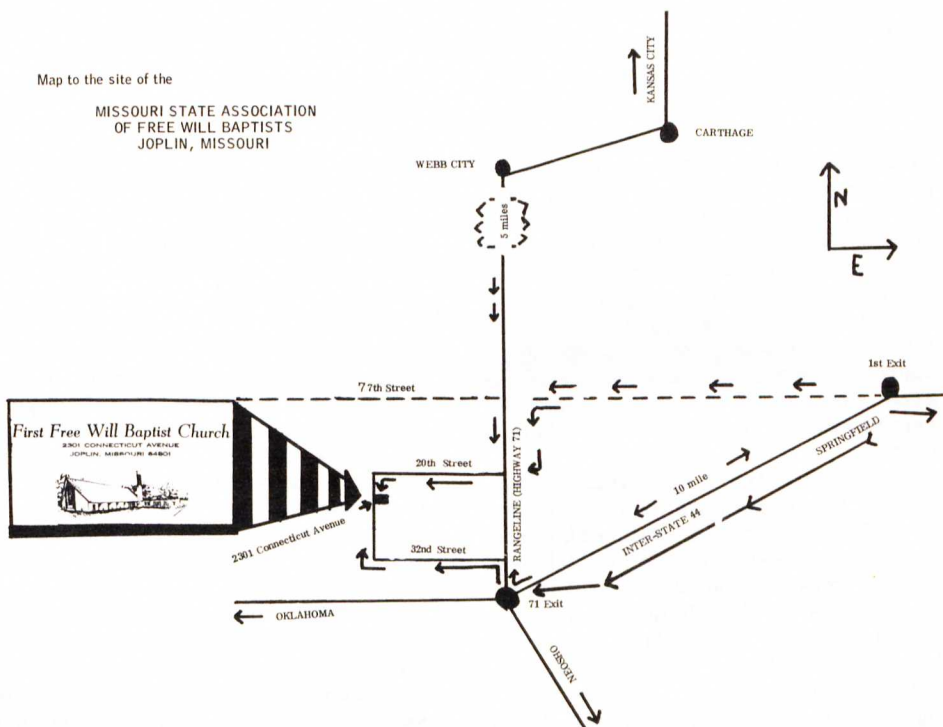
ABOUT THE SPEAKERS...

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



NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS

Home and Foreign

FOREIGN MISSIONS
REPORT FROM
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The Communists say, "There is no God." The Bible says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 14: 1). We know, "In the beginning, God." And "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" (II Timothy 1: 12b). We are not blind to prevailing world conditions. The urgency of the hour enhances our ministry. While the sinister forces of the adversary outnumber us, we like "Gideon's 300" must stand together, proclaim in unison God's message and march obediently against the enemy. Our theme, "Give Them At Least One Chance," could well be our prelude for the returning of our Lord.

I am convinced that God has honored the work of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. He has given us a staff of dedicated missionaries whose primary concern is winning the lost. They are qualified in many areas of Christian service, which though being a small mission, we are involved in using a variety of means for making Christ known.

This ministry of world evangelism and establishing congregations of believers wherever converts are won is God's business. He has commanded Free Will Baptist congregations to herald forth the message of redemption to all men. And along with every command is the fully commensurate promise of fulfillment. As Free Will Baptist churches accept their share of "great commission" responsibility, and as God calls forth from these churches young men and women who are first approved by God and then by God's people, and as concerned men and women pray and give to send these approved ones to the regions beyond, the great promise of the Lord to build His church reaches new proportions of fulfillment.

Together, the board, home staff and missionary look to the Lord for His provision of funds necessary to meet annual budgets. It is a relationship of faith in which each member must have an abiding trust in the Lord, or corporate spiritual power is affected. With such abiding faith, each member of the missionary team obligates himself to continual, daily, fervent prayer that God will glorify Himself as material and spiritual needs are faithfully met.

It is in this perspective that Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is a faith mission. All budget appropriations are totally dependent on God's provision through His people. And as budgets are met by God's grace and power, the missionary family must forever give God--and Him alone--the praise for His marvelous provision.

The success of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is directly related to the willingness of Free Will Baptist churches to accept their biblical responsibility in world missions. The foreign missions department is nothing more than an extension of local church witness. It is a channeling agency for missionary fire kindled by concerned hearts at the grassroots level. Mr. Van Kluyve, director of deputational ministries, has seen an increasing interest in scheduling local and area missionary conferences.

Free Will Baptist churches administer their foreign ministry through elected representatives who are chartered with the responsibility of effectively overseeing all aspects of the denomination's foreign missionary operation in the leadership of the Holy Spirit and to the satisfaction of supporting congregations at home.

As duly elected representatives of Free Will Baptist churches throughout the country, the board of foreign missions assumes responsibility for fulfilling the desires of the supporting constituency for strategic use of Free Will Baptist missionary personnel and efficient and effective distribution of missionary funds. The board is always open to the direct counsel of the supporting body because it is through communication from concerned pastors and laymen that the board clearly understands the wishes of those whom they represent.

It is the board's responsibility as representatives of churches at home to find the Lord's will in selection of those who will be sent forth. Once sent forth, each missionary's ministry is continually reviewed by the board to assure the effective accomplishment of the denominations; foreign missionary objectives. All policies affecting the overseas ministry of the denomination are determined by the board.

The board represents the supporting constituency in preparing annual budgets through careful analysis of essential needs and strategic allocation of funds. This is a sacred responsibility. Every dollar given to missions is considered a gift to the Lord



Jesus Christ. And diligence is exerted in determining to the best of men's abilities the direction of the Holy Spirit in every appropriation.

The rapidly changing conditions of our world makes our problems more complex. We are constantly aware of the hand of the Lord upon the details of our ministry. It is a wonderful thing to see the power of the Gospel at work in our various ministries. From the Ivory Coast come reports of souls won in village evangelism; from France and Japan souls won in Bible study groups; from India converts through the ministry of national pastors and evangelists; from Panama, Uruguay and Brazil young men and women answering God's call to proclaim the message. Our two missionaries in Ecuador will survey an area in late August as a possibility of establishing a Free Will Baptist work in that country. Though greatly restricted, our Association of Free Will Baptist churches in Cuba continue their ministry. Mr. Jerry Ballard, director of communications, keeps our constituency informed of missionary activities through HEARTBEAT (now printing 45,800), filmstrips and other promotional materials.

Our "hold the line" policy has been lifted regarding appointing of new missionaries. The appointments will be highly selective and priority given to areas of need where appointed personnel can meet these needs.

The revision of our handbook affecting policy changes is being given further study. We hope to publish and release the new handbook early next year.

We thank you for every gift large or small. Our increase in receipts in 1967 was \$82,976 more than received in 1966. An enlarging missionary program and rising cost will necessitate consistent increases. Several missionary deficits have been eliminated but operational and audiovisual accounts need greater support. The fact sheet in this report will provide pertinent financial information.

A recent emphasis has been given to our "Project 5000". Please come by our booth and make your commitment. Our emphasis for foreign missions month, April 1969, will be "Day of Prayer for Missions," April 6; "Personal Commitment," April 13; "Gifts for Missions," -- Missions Call-A-Thon, April 20. Your cooperation in these special days can

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greatly strengthen our Free Will Baptist ministries around the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Reford Wilson

General Director-Treasurer

Board Members: Joseph Ange, Chairman, Raymond Riggs, Vice Chairman, Rolla Smith, Secretary, Guy Owens, Winford Floyd, Gene Rogers, R. Eugene Waddell.

Executive Staff: J. Reford Wilson, General Director; Jerry Ballard, Director of Communications; Henry Van Kluyve, Director of Deputation.

Missouri's Quota for 1969... 40,000.00

FINANCIAL FACTS

Year	Receipts	Disbursements
1956	\$102,628	\$ 98,962
1957	125,379	112,591
1958	148,152	156,649
1959	172,401	161,822
1960	192,140	183,748
1961	216,016	215,391
1962	239,909	241,257
1963	289,845	279,387
1964	347,034	359,819
1965	391,726	385,428
1966	446,144	443,756
1967	522,217	499,109
1968	518,367	
1969	611,308	

PERCENTAGE OF DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields	Travel & Promotion	Administrative
78.5	6.1	15.4
75.4	6.7	17.9
77.7	4.1	18.2
75.4	3.8	20.6
79.8	3.9	16.3
80.5	3.1	16.4
80.3	1.8	17.9
74.8	4.1	21.1
77.4	* 11.4	11.8
73.5	12.4	14.1
79.4	11.3	9.3
74.7	12.2	13.1
** 74.9	11.3	13.8
** 77.0	9.2	13.8

* In 1964 Printing cost transferred from Administrative cost to Travel and Promotion.

** Percentages based on Proposed budget.

MISSOURI FOREIGN MISSION GIFTS

JUNE 1968

Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	\$ 8.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	141.00
First FWB, Joplin	15.00
Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Fellowship Class, Farmington FWB	13.00
Mrs. Lloyd D. Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Garfield Sunday School, Couch	20.00
Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Cooperative Plan	1,011.74
Lee Bunton, Liberal	50.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	13.90
Cope FWB, Hartville	134.37
Bailey Chapel, Urbana	2.45
Beacon FWB, Raytown	10.00
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	15.61
Myrtle FWB	37.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00

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D.V.B.S., First FWB, Fredericktown	30.00
Ladies Mission, First FWB, Flat River	10.00
Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Houston FWB	10.00
Madison County Quar. Mtg.	605.04
Berkeley FWB	147.50
Central FWB, Kansas City	82.85
Verdella FWB, Liberal	32.52
Fourth FWB, St. Louis	15.86
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	14.00
FWB Church, Cuba	14.64
Victory FWB, Avondale	31.35
Parkview FWB, Desloge	45.00
Eli Stephens, St. Louis	20.00
Milford House, Gower	5.00
Junior Girls Class, Grave FWB, Arnold	10.00
Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
First FWB, Springfield	48.00
New Harmony Sunday School, Greentop	30.11
Mtn. Grove FWB, Mtn. Grove	122.00
FWB Bible School, Neosho	8.16
George Martin, Springfield	5.00
W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Mrs. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	35.00
Parkview FWB, DVBS, Desloge	72.39

Aulsbury Chapel FWB, Bonne Terre	22.50
David Bagwell, Springfield	15.00
Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
First Grade Girls S.S. Class, First FWB, Berkeley	8.68
Union Light FWB, Marquand	62.18
Hazel Creek FWB, Kirksville	157.20
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	4.40
Leadington FWB	13.00
Betty Banes, Fredericktown	3.50
Gilbert Fortney, Springfield	5.00
W.N.A.C.	5.00
TOTAL	\$3,294.95

Delegates and friends of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in session at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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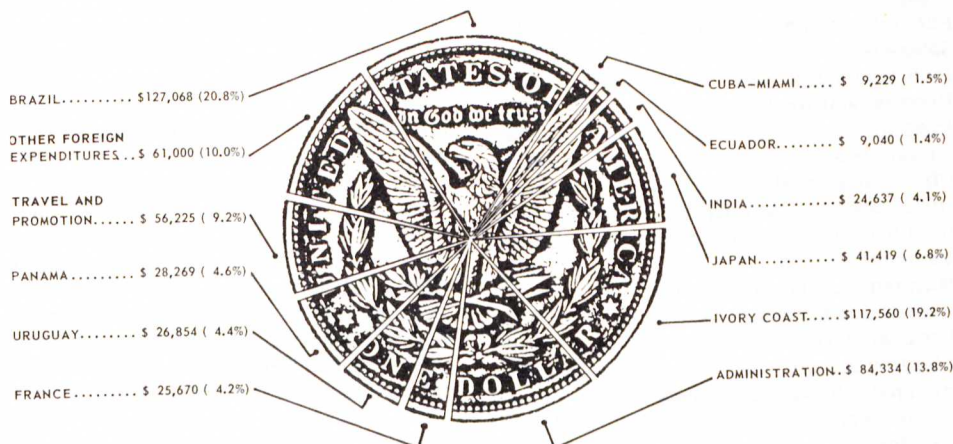
The signal blessings of God were upon the work of the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension in 1967. We saw an increase in number of missionaries on the field, of churches organized, and of souls won to Christ. The financial picture was not as good as in past years; however, the Lord did supply our needs.

The following workers were employed

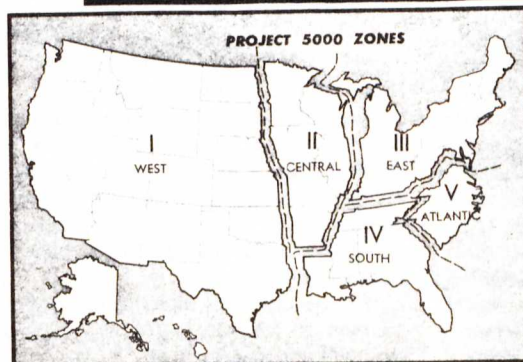
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PROPOSED 1969 BUDGET

TOTAL: \$611,308



PROJECT 5000



CURRENT REPORT

ZONE	QUOTA	COMMITTED	NEEDED
I	1,000	415	585
II	1,000	82	918
III	1,000	111	889
IV	1,000	210	790
V	1,000	92	908
TOTALS	5,000	910	4,090

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



NEW THEME: New Theme for 1969-70
Fruitful Unto Every Good Work

NEW WATCHWORD: "I have chosen you ----- that ye should go and bring forth fruit"
(John 15:16)

NEW HYMN: "The Call for Reapers"

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 commit-
tees.

"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

MONEY FOR MISSIONARIES

The Berkeley FWB Woman's Auxiliary met Wednesday night, June 12. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mrs. Pearl Price. Reports were given and accepted. We agreed to send \$10.00 to Bill and Gena Fulcher this month. Topics were given. We closed our meeting by singing "I Love To Tell the Story" and having a testimony service. There were fifteen present. Pray for our Auxiliary that we will do more for the Lord and be better witnesses for Him.

Corr. Sect.
Verna Smith

LEBANON'S AUXILIARY TAKES LOVE OFFERING FOR MISSIONARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Wednes-

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REPORT OF THE YEARS GIVING

Co-laborer Fund	\$5,037.31
Student Loan	3,884.59
Emphasis Month	2,525.66
Foreign Missions	4,096.78
Home Missions	3,306.97
F.W.B. Bible College	3,974.70
Gifts to Missionaries and/or Special Projects	39,107.07

PROPOSED BUDGET 1968-69

Printing, literature and supplies for sale	9,000
Executive committee expense	1,000
Salaries	13,260
Part time help	800
Promotional work	3,350
Postage	1,200
Social security	1,372
Office equipment	500
Office and mailing supplies	500
Rent and telephone (base charge)	2,640
Payment on land	360
Maintenance office machines	148
Convention expense	620
Honorariums	300
Auditing	300
Housing allowance, executive secretary	1,140
Utilities	300
Group insurance and workman's compensation	315
Bonding	35
Miscellaneous	360
	<u>37,500</u>

Estimated Income:

From literature and supplies sales	20,000
From dues and delegates fees	6,400
Postage	500
Emphasis Month	8,000
Co-Laborer Fund (one-third)	2,600
	<u>37,500</u>

RESOLUTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. That ETTA study courses and other
Sunday School Training courses spon-
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sored by the National Sunday School Board which meet the requirements of a WNAC standard study, qualify as standard courses of study for the Auxiliary. 2. We recommend that we re-emphasize the importance of Vice-Presidents in the State and District working together to contact pastors who do not have a Woman's Auxiliary in their Church; informing them of the work of the Auxiliary. 3. We recommend that the WNAC stock films relative to Personal Service work as funds are available, and an offering be taken when used.

4. Whereas debate over war cannot blot out the unbelievable human suffering that has been caused by years of conflict in Vietnam, and

Whereas the World Relief Commission (relief arm of NAE) is working in Vietnam supplying food, clothing and other types of assistance, and

Whereas, NAE's World Relief Commission's ministry is also a vehicle whereby man may hear of the Saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we recommend that Auxiliaries so desiring, demonstrate Christian love and concern in a united Thanksgiving effort through one of the following ways:

Clothing contributions

Bundles for Leprosy Patients

We further recommend that pamphlets concerning these projects be made available at WNAC office.

5. That the theme, watchword and hymn for 1969-70 be as follows:

Theme: Fruitful Unto Every Good Work
Watchword: "I have chosen you. . . that ye should go and bring forth fruit." (John 15: 16)

Hymn: "The Call for Reapers"

6. That biographical sketches with photographs of the following women be made available for the weeks of prayer and/or study courses on WNAC History or Manual:

Alice Lupton; Lizzie McAdams; Laura B. Barnard

7. We recommend that flowers and cards be sent to Thomas Wiley, Sr. expressing our prayers and concern.

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day, July 3 for the lesson and business meeting. Prayer was offered by Sybil Agan. The chorus "Thank You Lord" was sung, led by Gladys Montgomery.

The treasurer's report was given by Naomia Hefton and approved. The report showed the Auxiliary paid for four of the children of the church to attend the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp near Nia-gue, Mo.

A love offering was taken for Mary Ellen Rice, a missionary to Brazil, who is home on furlough.

The Auxiliary paid \$2.95 for a record book for the church library.

The lesson for the evening was on "Women to Brazil" given by Janelle Walters, with Fay McElroy and Janelle singing "My Home America."

Services closed with prayer offered by Berniece Dickens.

Reporter

Gladys Montgomery

TWO INTERESTING PROJECTS

The monthly meeting of Overland Ladies Auxiliary was held at the church Tuesday night, July 2. President Alice Stephens called the meeting to order. Nine members and one visitor were present. Sis. Betty Renner gave the opening prayer.

Several decisions made by the group include the following:

(1) To have emphasis month program on Sunday night, September 8.

(2) To have all money and orders for tupperware turned in by July 20. Twenty percent of our sales will be purchased in tupperware items to be sent to our missionary provision closet in Nashville. A portion of the Auxiliary's members are to get together to select these items.

(3) To send a card and handkerchief from each member to one of our members, Sis. Birdie Harris, who is staying with her sick mother and unable to attend.

and,

(4) To start a project by the group whereby we take old sheets, make figure 8 bandages out of them and send them to the Miley family who requested them.

Our program was led by our chairman, Sis. Norma Brice. Norma urged us to pray for our summer missionary to New Hampshire, Sis. Karen Stephens. She also urged us to pray for our coming WNAC Convention. Norma explained the program for emphasis month to us and gave us our parts.

Our program for the evening was about "Women of Brazil". Four ladies had the parts for this program and we learned much from it.

The offering was collected.

Sis. Louise Tuter gave the closing prayer.

A short social with lemonade, punch, coffee and cake followed.

Respectfully,

Lois Buie,

Corresponding Secretary

August 1968

PLANS "EMPHASIS MONTH SERVICE"

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, July 2 at the church with nine members and one visitor. The meeting opened with the group singing, "Bring Them In", and Sister Evelyn Lowry led in prayer.

Program Prayer Chairman Sister Clara Allen was in charge of the program. Sister Charleen Janes gave the lesson, "Today's Women in Brazil". It was very interesting.

Following the program, Sister Gay Combs presided over the business meeting. Secretary and treasurers reports were read and accepted. Other officers gave their reports.

A program is planned for Woman's Auxiliary "Emphasis Month Service" in August. We are also going to send birthday cards to missionaries this month, and to one of our retired ministers, R. L. Wheeler.

Sister Lorene Pohnert was elected as delegate to the National Association at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Meeting closed with prayer by Sister Lorene Pohnert.

Corr. Sect.

Helen Underwood

AUXILIARY STILL BUYS BOOKS FOR CHURCH LIBRARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met July 1 for their regular monthly meeting with seven members and two visitors present. Opening song was "Beautiful Garden of Prayer". Phyllis Miller, acting as president, read scripture from Mark 5: 24, 34. Prayer was offered by Edith Dumler.

Reports of all officers were as follows:

Secretary and treasurer report read and accepted. Cor. Secretary read an interesting letter from our missionary, Rev. Mack Owens. Mission Chairman read the meaning of "Mission". The Auxiliary is still buying \$15.00 worth of books every two months for the church library. We voted to send the Rev. Mack Owens \$10.00 for home mission work.

Sister Maureen Holeman became a new member for our Auxiliary. We sure welcome new members and pray we may gain more each month.

Our Co-Labor Lesson "Women in Brazil" was given.

Dismissed by Phyllis Miller.

PLANS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SUNDAY EVENING

The Viburnum Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met July 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. At a previous meeting, our minister's wife, Mrs. Sue Morris, was elected president.

The evening program was opened with

the group singing "I Gave My Life for Thee" and prayer by Sis. Talley.

After the business was attended to and reports given, the program chairman, Mrs. Betty Ogle, had charge. The program "Today's Women in Brazil" was read and discussed by all.

Since August is "Emphasis Month" for Woman's Auxiliary, it is planned to have our program Sunday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the regular worship hour.

Our program was closed with prayer by Rev. Morris.

Mrs. Betty Ferrell

Corresponding Secretary

DRESS PATTERN OBJECT LESSON

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met for the monthly Co-Laborer study June 10, 1968.

The meeting was opened with the song, "I Love to Tell the Story", followed with prayer by Mildred Hildebrand. Scriptures from Matthew 28: 19 and Mark 16: 15 were read by vice-president, Wanda Ragsdale.

The lesson, entitled "What is Missionary Education" and a missionary quiz were given by Betty Reeves.

After the business session conducted by Wanda Ragsdale, parts of a pattern were used in comparison with our spiritual lives. Those participating in this were: Minnie Burcham, Mary Grieshaber, Della Getz, Rhonda Stroup, Alberta Turley, Pat Morris, and Janet Bailey.

For the conclusion of the meeting, paper wedding dresses were designed and modeled by Wanda Ragsdale, Florence Burcham, Mary Grieshaber, and Rhonda Stroup. Prayer of dismissal was by Ollie Smith.

VISITS THE SHUT-INS

Tuesday evening, June 18, the Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield met for their monthly meeting. The program entitled "What Is Missionary Education" was given by Mary Hill. Our personal service project for the month was to visit the shut-in and those in the hospitals. The Foreign Missions project was to send get well cards to Bro. Wiley, Sr.

Mrs. Braxine Evans was elected to serve as delegate to the National Convention.

A yearly report was given by the treasurer. A total in offerings of \$277.28 was given to our missionaries. Also \$25 was given to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage.

A Missionary Conference was held at our church on June 13-16. Rev. Arthur Billows was our speaker. All who attended received a real blessing.

Linda O'Dell

Corresponding Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE REPORT

Dear Friend,

It will soon be time for our State Association to convene again. As in the past, the Sunday School and CTS Board must submit an annual report at that time. The only source of information for our statistical report is the form mailed to the clerk or pastor of each local church, a copy of which is included in this issue of the GEM. In the event our address was wrong, and your church has not received one of these forms would you please make a copy of this one and send it to: William Evans, 3124 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63111.

Thank you for your help and consideration in this past year. We have a number of contestants entered in the CTS competitive activities at the National this year and are trusting we can report on a good showing by these young people when we see you at the State meeting.

The Sunday School and the CTS Board

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARD
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
Annual report to the State
Sunday School and CTS Board
(For the period July 1, 1967
to June 30, 1968)

A. General Church Information:

1. Name of Church _____
2. Pastor's Name _____
3. Pastor's Address _____ Zip Code _____
4. Church Clerk's Name _____
5. Clerk's Address _____ Zip Code _____
6. Total Church Membership _____
7. Name of Association (Yearly Mtg) _____

B. Sunday School Report:

1. Superintendent's Name _____
2. Superintendent's Address _____ Zip Code _____
3. Sunday School Enrollment _____
4. Average Attendance _____
5. Number of Classes in entire Sunday School _____

C. Church Training Service Report:

1. Director's Name _____
2. Director's Address _____ Zip Code _____
3. CTS Enrollment _____
4. Average Attendance _____
5. Number of Classes in CTS _____

D. The Sunday School and CTS Board receives part of its financial support from local churches. We will appreciate any contribution you can make. Send cash or a check made payable to "State Sunday School and CTS Board".

1. Amount Enclosed _____
2. Cash _____
3. Check _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

I. REVIEW:

It is a sign of aging when one spends a great deal of time reflecting over the past years. I must confess that I find myself doing this more often than in times past.

I prepared a brief history of the Sunday school movement for the dedication service of the new operations building. This history revealed some dark days in the history of the Sunday School movement. There were those who trumpeted the cause of the Sabbath schools (as they were called in those early days), but most of the trumpeting fell on deaf ears.

In those early days a Sunday school paper called the "Myrtle" was published. Its highest peak of circulation reached 10,000 when denominational membership was listed as 48,974. This paper and all other assets of the previous century's Sunday School Board disappeared in the merger of 1911.

More than 100 years later a different situation is revealed about the Sunday school movement in our denomination.

Little was done until the Sunday School movement in our denomination. Little was done until the Sunday School Board opened an office and put a full time Promotional Secretary on the field in 1954. The real thrust coincided with the beginning of our present literature ministry which began in 1962. Today, I believe I can honestly say that there is a renewal of interest in the Sunday School ministry of our denomination. A sizable portion of this interest can be credited to the promotional effort of this department.

I believe this interest is reflected in the growth of our literature ministry. Sales of our literature in 1967 increased by \$32,035.88 over the previous year. A look at the graph elsewhere in this report shows how our growth has continued.

Further interest is reflected in the growth of our Teacher Training ministry. Sales in this area increased from \$6964.36 to \$12,053.65. This is an increase of \$5089.29. Certificates issued totaled 991. This is in contrast to the 886 that were issued last year (1966).

Let me call your attention to our annual audit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Statement of Operating Fund Income and Expenditures Year ended December 31, 1967 with comparative figures for 1968

	1967	1968
Sales:		
Literature	\$257,138.17	\$225,102.29
Promotional and teaching	12,053.65	6,964.36
Enlargement campaign	894.31	1,075.12
Projectors and screens	-	503.38
Vacation Bible School	8,533.47	9,051.97
Total sales	278,619.60	242,697.12
Cost of sales	187,358.37	156,497.41
Gross profit	91,261.23	86,199.71
Selling, general and administrative expenses:		
Administrative salaries	11,980.00	10,970.00
Housing allowances	2,700.00	2,400.00
Office salaries	16,538.40	14,953.15
Shipping salaries	8,092.88	6,692.96
Postage and freight	3,891.06	4,369.95
Headquarters maintenance and telephone	7,591.39	6,331.25
Office supplies and expense	6,036.72	4,333.82
Shipping supplies	2,699.48	1,319.70
Travel, board members	2,393.07	1,764.94
Travel, other than board members	4,811.29	4,132.87
Promotion and advertising	2,102.37	1,461.47
Legal and auditing	705.00	750.00
Employees' retirement benefit	403.04	-
Employer's share social security tax	586.88	-
Employees' group insurance	1,162.95	913.64
Automobile expense	634.73	845.00
Contributions	1,000.00	35.49
Acquisition of office and warehouse equipment	7,121.84	3,003.20
Warehouse constructed	13,138.93	-
Miscellaneous	534.11	1,099.19
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	94,080.14	65,376.63
Operating income (loss)	(2,818.91)	20,823.08

Other income:		
Gifts	5.00	-
Interest earned	641.85	777.79
Building fund income	230.00	-
Miscellaneous	14.17	106.40
Total other income	891.02	884.19
Income over (under) expenditures	\$ (1,927.89	21,707.27

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1967
with comparative figures for 1966

Assets	1967	1966
Operating fund:		
Cash	\$ 13,730.85	25,145.50
Accounts receivable, trade	29,071.73	23,044.69
Inventory, at cost	20,079.57	16,571.04
Deferred charge	2,531.55	2,080.00
Deposits	1,250.00	1,150.00
Total operating fund	66,663.70	67,991.23
Fixed asset fund:		
Office equipment	18,316.19	11,194.35
Warehouse	48,798.93	-
Automotive equipment	3,467.39	3,467.39
Total fixed asset fund	70,582.51	14,661.74
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>		
Operating fund:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,847.60	1,254.19
Accrued salaries and wages	95.35	88.40
Total liabilities	1,942.95	1,342.59
Operating fund balance	64,720.75	66,648.64
Total operating fund	66,663.70	67,991.23
Fixed asset fund:		
6% notes payable, bank, due February 5, 1968	35,660.00	-
Fixed asset fund balance	34,922.51	14,661.74
Total fixed asset fund	70,582.51	14,661.74
	<u>\$137,246.21</u>	<u>82,652.97</u>

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances
Year ended December 31, 1967

	Operating fund	Operating fund
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 66,648.64	14,661.74
Additions:		
Expenditures from operating fund for:		
Additions to office and warehouse equipment	-	7,121.84
Warehouse constructed	-	13,138.93
	66,648.64	34,922.51
Deduct excess of operating fund expenditures	1,927.89	-
Balance at end of year	\$ 64,720.75	34,922.51

You will notice that there is a small deficit. However, when the expenditures for our new operations building are deducted you will arrive at profit figures of approximately \$16,000.00. This is not as great as in 1966 although we had an increase in sales in 1967. Costs have risen in 1967 and continue to rise in 1968. Labor, printing, and postage costs pushed upwards and ate into our net profit.

Increased sales means the addition of more employees. Additional employees means additional equipment. It seems we never have enough typewriters or adding machines although we still have everyone we have purchased since 1962. We still have an old R. C. Allen that was here when I came that I have refused to part company with. Perhaps we can donate it to the Historical Commission.

When we started our literature business six years ago, we shipped from a revamped carriage house. We built a pulling table by remodeling an old desk. We packed and wrapped orders on old make-shift benches. Storage shelves were built out of old lumber.

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When we moved to 1134 Murfreesboro Road working conditions improved some. It was not long until we were overcrowded once more. Four men wrapped packages at two tables.

Now we have our own operations building. Wooden shelves have been replaced with metal bins. We have four new wrapping tables with room to add more as needed. Each wrapper now has his own work area. Efficiency has increased tremendously. Praise the Lord for being so good to us.

This past year has been a busy one. The erection of our operations building occupied a great deal of my time. Work on the building was slow getting started but progressed nicely once it was begun. Curriculum has also taken my time. It will consume a great deal more time before it is finished.

1967 was also another busy year of travel. I visited many State Associations and conducted several Institutes. I also filled several speaking engagements. It was a thrilling year of ministry for our Lord. I was privileged to serve as Chair-

man of the Denominational Sunday School Secretaries Commission. This body brings together some thirty-five Denominational Sunday School Secretaries for fellowship and sharing of ideas. I also served on the Board of Directors of the National Sunday School Association. Our denomination is not a member of the National Sunday School Association but we have received some benefit from this organization through the past years.

II. PREVIEW

1969 will find us beginning our new curriculum. We will begin a seven year permanent cycle that will cover the Scriptures in a Bible survey type of study. We will begin at Genesis and go through the Word book by book. This permanent cycle will be used by all ages from Junior High through the Adult level. In order to meet the need of the teacher the FREE WILL BAPTIST TEACHER will be upgraded and contain almost 40% more materials. The teacher should have ample material to cover the lesson period.

I must say that I tackled the responsibility of curriculum with fear and trembling. However, the more I have worked on this project the more convinced I became that we are going in the right direction. I have learned that curriculum development will consume many man hours.

I hope you will note and approve our 1969 budget.

BUDGET FOR 1969

INCOME:	
Sale of Literature & Supplies	\$344,309.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00
	<u>\$346,309.00</u>

EXPENDITURES:	
Cost of Production & Merchandise	\$193,108.84
Salaries	64,390.00
Housing Allowances	3,000.00
Postage and Freight	6,000.00
Headquarters & Warehouse	
Maintenance	9,800.00
Office Supplies and Expense	6,500.00
Shipping Supplies	4,000.00
Travel - Board Members	2,600.00
Travel - Other Than Board	
Members	4,800.00
Promotion and Advertising	2,500.00
Legal and Auditing	1,000.00
Employees Group Insurance	1,800.00
Employees Social Security	1,800.00
Employees Retirement Benefit	1,200.00
Automobile Expense	400.00
Contributions	250.00
Additions to Fixed Assets	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Automobile Leasing	1,800.00
Warehouse Payment	15,000.00
Working Capital	22,360.16
	<u>\$346,309.00</u>

There are other areas of service that I hope we can render in the not too distant future. We must prepare our own Nursery materials (we currently use David C. Cook's). We must also look to the

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE

FIELDS

Dear Gem Readers:

The Freewill Baptist Church of Sunnyview held all day services Sunday, June 9, with dedication services in the morning, for our new Sunday School class rooms.

Rev. Milan Ruble preached the dedicatory message. In the afternoon, communion and feet washing services were held. We also had a week's revival during June, with one rededication. Rev. Sonny Bennett was the Evangelist. We ask for your prayers, that we might continue to do more work for God at Sunnyview.

Reporter, Bonne Fulkerson
Marilyn Doublin, Ass't Reporter
Rev. Milan J. Ruble, pastor

CHURCH BUILDS NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

The Grant Avenue Freewill Baptist Church has been in the progress of building three more Sunday School class rooms in order to divide their classes. This will make it easier for the teacher to get the Sunday School lessons over to the students. Bro. Otho McCormack is the general superintendent.

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production of our own Vacation Bible School materials. Another growing need is for some materials to assist Christian Day Schools.

III. OVERVIEW

A man can get some idea of the height of a mountain by standing at the foot and looking up. He can get a better idea of the depth of the valley by climbing the mountain and looking down. When I pause to survey the work that God has wrought in these past years I am amazed.

We started six years ago with nothing. Some of our present Sunday School Board members will pre-date 1962 when the office reopened. Reverend John West, our beloved Chairman, can recall some lean years as he has been a member of this Board since 1947. I sat at his feet in a Sunday School Institute in 1949. I came on the Sunday School Board myself in 1959.

As we climb the mountain let us pause and look down every now and then. When we do we can thank God for many things. I can thank Him for fitting together all of the little pieces in the development of our curriculum and literature program. God has always been right there with the right telephone call or business contact whenever necessary. I could not begin to relate the many wonders He has worked.

I can thank God for the fine staff of worked He has helped to assemble. Four years ago He brought Brother Harrison to us. In our four years of laboring together Brother Harrison and I have not had one note of disagreement. Over a

year ago the Lord brought Mrs. Lora Shutes to us. What a precious person she is! What an asset to the Department she is! One by one the Lord has brought the others. Our turnover of employees has

been heavy but the Lord always seems to have someone else to step into the vacancy.

I can thank the Lord for our Sunday
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Our churches must not be doing anything, for I received only three articles. How can we have a Missouri paper if our own churches will not send articles to the paper. There has been some complaining about this fact but I have not received any news from these persons. Let's report what our churches are doing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Farmington	116	129	142	160	153	147		
Southside, St. Louis	109	117	133	142	120	119		
Trinity, St. Louis	117	149	156	144	134	123		
Kirksville	109	127	136	151	142	136		
Grant Ave., Springfield	175	188	186	187	183			
Viburnum Church	43	44	43	54				
Mine La Motte	17	31	27	36	36			
KoshKonong	43	51	62	62	62	63		
First, Mtn. Grove	213	277	287	287				
Desloge	74	82	90		92	79		
First, Springfield	211	213	262	268	225			
Hannon	54	63	64	61	62	65		
Leadington	112	133	156	166	146	140		
Copper Mines	62	90	93	85	87			
Fourth Church, St. Louis	162	183	190	176	188	132		
West Plains	162	169	176		166	148		
First, Lebanon				92	90	113		
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	60	52		
Sunnyview, Lebanon	67	68		81		72		
Desoto	41	52	56		53	52		
Grace Church	154	189	250					
Berkeley	304	346	410	370				
Thayer	102	129	129	135	124	125		
Overland	162	201	216	215	203			
St. Joseph		18		18				
Richwoods				53	65			
Gateway Church, St. Louis	43	54	57	64				
Salem					26	25		

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LAYMEN'S BOARD

We're thankful for the leadership of the Lord during 1967. Various new chapters have been organized during the year. Some have dropped out, but we're praying that with the new interest of many Laymen and Pastors, they will reorganize soon.

You'll notice that the deficit has been eliminated for which we are thankful. Much progress is expected during the coming year. Equipment is needed which is included in the 1968-1969 Budget.

Herb Peppers, the secretary-treasurer, attended the Public Affairs Seminar in Washington in January, 1968, representing the Laymen of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He encourages Laymen to attend the 1969 meeting to be held January 14-18, 1969.

This meeting is under the direction of Dr. Clyde Taylor of the National Association of Evangelicals.

A full-time Director is still in the planning. This should be accomplished by 1970. The amounts received from this cooperative funds is being placed in a savings account for this purpose. It is also hoped that donations will also be received for this purpose, through the local churches.

Pray for our work; also, when you and your churches are challenged to give, meet the challenge. There is much to be accomplished for the Lord through the Laymen of your church.

The Laymans Board

National Association of Free Will Baptists

PROPOSED BUDGET THE LAYMANS BOARD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1968-69

PROPOSED RECEIPTS:

Subscriptions to Attack	\$4,000.00
Sale of Lapel Pins, Etc.	200.00
Donations	1,250.00
National Association Expenses	450.00
Co-Operative Plan	3,500.00
TOTAL PROPOSED RECEIPTS	9,400.00

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES:

Printing Expense (Attack)	1,700.00
Office Supplies	400.00
Office Help	750.00
Travel (Attack Editor & Various)	700.00
Association Expenses	700.00
Postage	400.00
Equipment (Typewriter, Desk & etc.)	750.00
Transfer to Savings for Director	4,000.00
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSITURES	9,400.00

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The Board of Superannuation during the past year has given grave concern to its responsibility as a board to provide retirement for ministers, missionaries and other full-time workers. We have done some promotional work through visual education and literature. One of our board members conducted several itineraries and other meetings. We have purchased a projector for this educational work which we feel has been very effective in presenting this very important phase of our denominational work to the local churches.

Since there have been some changes in the Social Security program during the past year, we decided in our last board meeting to offer the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS from the BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

The Board of Superannuation of Free Will Baptists, realizing the existing need of a program promoting the provision of retirement and protection for ministers, missionaries, and other Christian workers in our denomination, offers the following recommendations:

mentations:

I. PROGRAM. That we provide insurance protection of a minimum of \$2,500.00 in the beginning with the option to increase each two years to reach a maximum of \$15,000.00, which may be converted to cash at age 65 to supplement retirement. In this program, the local church would be encouraged to supplement retirement. In this program, the local church would be encouraged to support the premiums of the insured. In the graduated face value program, the insured would not be required to prove guaranteed insurability. One may be graduated to any face value amount after any two-year period.

II. PROMOTION. When this plan is approved, an immediate campaign of promotional materials in the form of brochures for distribution and articles for publication in the denominational literature would be launched. After this, a designated date would be set for the plan to become effective.

III. PROVISION. The administrative and financial involvement would come from contributions received on services rendered through the policies; also, from which a full time director would be employed by the Board. His duties would include counseling on insurance and overall promotion of the program.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Lynn, Chairman

EDITOR'S NOTE: Another recommendation was to encourage local churches to pay their pastor's Social Security.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE CHURCH BONDS, INC.

"While I live will I praise the Lord;" Many opportunities to erect new church buildings are lost today because of the shortage of necessary funds. We are helping many churches that could not otherwise finance their building programs. Some churches have used church bonds because they realize the advantages other than just raising the money. Pastors repeatedly testify that a real revival of stewardship resulted from a bond program.

We are thankful for the continuing growth of Executive Church Bonds, Inc. and for the increasing response you are giving to your own Bond Company. We hope and pray that we may be able to help many of you in the future.

IMPORTANT ITEMS:

1. Plans are underway to set up a Reserve Service and Trust Fund. This fund will be in reserve to insure service to the churches that have had past programs as well as future programs.

2. A new folder has been completed concerning the bond work. This folder gives you and your church the general information of the bond program. This folder is FREE and can be obtained by writing the office.

Churches that plan to issue Church Bonds are asked to write early so we can give you a well planned program.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis W. Boyle, Director

EXECUTIVE CHURCH BONDS, INC. BUDGET 1969

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Salaries and Commissions	\$12,500.00
Travel and Expense	6,500.00
Housing	
Reserve Service Fund	1,000.00
Telephone	800.00
Advertising	750.00
Legal Fees	750.00
Insurance and Social Security	900.00
Office Equipment	500.00
Office Supplies	500.00
Office Rent	450.00
Promotion	350.00
Postage	300.00
Misc.	500.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$33,000.00

Anticipated income from service fees \$33,000.00

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

This has been an eventful year of transition. The change necessitated a period of orientation and personal readjustment after becoming Executive Secretary August 28. It has not been a picnic, but this joyful experience has been gratifying and rewarding. Amid the manifold activities involved in fulfilling the responsibilities of the office, I have seen the Lord at work as never before. For God's grace, added strength and many answers to prayer, I give praise. Surveying the progress of this past ten months, I can say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

In assuming present duties, I have gained a greater insight into the pressures and problems confronting each department. I recognize more fully the tremendous obligations placed upon each director. Too often it is easier to criticize these devoted men rather than pray for them as they carry a heavy work load. Our administrators are worthy of our confidence and loyal support. It has been a privilege to work with these brethren. Their cooperative spirit, mutual understanding and counsel have been most helpful. On several occasions the department directors have met for prayer, fellowship and discussion of our work. A more effective correlation of our various departments has been attained. Greater solidarity has been brought about. The unity manifested is most encouraging. It is evident that we can be united in purpose without having unanimity of opinions.

A very fine staff in the Executive Office has performed an admirable job. I want to especially express appreciation to Mr. Darrell Fulton for seven years of commendable service to the department. He has resigned as manager of Randall Bookstore to become Administrative Assistant to Dr. Billy Melvin.

I would like also to acknowledge the valuable help of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Critcher. After Mr. Critcher's transfer to the Foreign Missions Office last summer, he very graciously consented to assist with the publication of CONTACT during evening hours and weekends. He has also served as the coordinator for this National Association. In January, Mrs. June Critcher became Assistant Editor of CONTACT. The favorable comments and increased response to our National magazine can be ascribed in a large measure to her ingenuity. In recognizing the efficient efforts of this dedicated couple, I feel we sometimes overlook the faithful labors of the several scores of secretaries, bookkeepers, teachers and workers who serve behind the scene, but nevertheless fill an important role in the effective operation of each department.

The question is often asked, "What does the Executive Secretary do?" Some of the varied duties include answering correspondence, supervising the National Office, serving as Editor of CONTACT, planning for several successive National Associations, coordinating the National ministries, greeting the many visitors who pass through the National Office and attending to the numerous office details. These various phases of the work are very time consuming. In addition to the multiplicity of administrative affairs, about 40 percent of my time has been spent away from the office. Except for attending the National Association of Evangelicals and two special seminars, I have spent this time promoting and representing the National Association in state and district meetings, area itineraries, revivals and pastors conferences.

Continued communication with our people at the grass roots is very essential. Area conferences involving laymen, pastors and representatives from each National department is planned. These meetings will be inspirational and instructive. It is hoped that greater interest and support for our overall work can be stimulated. A better understanding of how each department functions and the interrelationship of all departments will help maintain a balanced emphasis. When any phase of work is lagging, we should all feel the need to assist and strengthen that area of need.

Attention is called to several specific ministries of the Executive Office:

RANDALL BOOKSTORE had another very profitable year, with gross sales of \$54,100.00. You will notice in the financial report

that fiscal stability has been achieved while increasing the inventory assets. Several ways of expanding this Christian literature ministry are being considered.

CONTACT now goes to approximately 7,000 homes. Subscriptions have increased several hundred this past year without a concerted promotional effort. A full-scale subscription campaign will be launched in October. To get maximum denominational saturation, the missions mailing list will be utilized. We ask your cooperation in this effort to get more people receiving CONTACT, either by the Church Family Plan or by an individual subscription. Detailed information for increasing the number of subscribers will be given in future issues.

COOPERATION GIFTS reached a record total of \$101,886.46 in 1967. This 15 percent increase over 1966 is an encouraging sign. We appreciate those who have helped the burden to give to the overall work. States and churches who have not adopted a systematic plan to share in the total National ministries ought to consider some effective way to do so. We all believe every member should give to the local churches as he is able. Is it not reasonable to expect every church to give proportionately and regularly to our state and national work?

The present plan for allocating cooperative giving is reflected in the first six months of this year. Also direct giving has increased to the Executive Department. A consistent income eliminates financial instability that has long plagued the office. The past indebtedness has now been reduced to \$7,000.00.

LAND FUND is the balance owed on the property purchased for future expansion is \$15,000.00. Payments are shared by all departments. If we could raise this amount to retire the indebtedness, it would relieve the strain on budgets. Rising interest costs could also be saved. I recommend we attempt once more an effort to eliminate this obligation.

EXECUTIVE CHURCH BONDS is a separate incorporation of the Executive Department. This report will be given by the director.

In conclusion, I would like to share several concerns out of my heart. First, our denominational giving is far from adequate. Current needs are not paralleled economic growth, this is very disconcerting. The urgency for stressing our stewardship obligation is evident. A revival in this area of Christian responsibility would alleviate the financial pressures placed upon those departments who are not meeting their budgets. It is my prayer that the "Pastor's Stewardship Seminar" at this annual meeting will help to bring a renewed conscientiousness of our spiritual obligation to become more faithful stewards.

Secondly, it is my earnest desire that we discern God's will for our denomination in this crisis hour of history. If we are to fulfill our mission as Free Will Baptists, we must have a proper perspective of our role in these perilous times. A revolutionary age demands a dynamic church, giving forth an effective witness. Our fundamental, evangelistic heritage compels us to come out of the grandstands and actively engage in the conflict on the playing field where the impact of our testimony can be felt. The preservation of our faith does not mean a withdrawal from involvement in a secular world. Our best defense is a good offense. The challenge we face is communicating and relating our message to man's need. While charting our proper course, we must keep in mind that we are not an island unto ourselves. Cooperation with other evangelical groups can be maintained without getting on the ecumenical bandwagon.

Last of all, I appeal to our National Association to display a greater spirit of unity. Jesus teaches us, "a house divided against itself cannot stand." Our fellowship is based upon a flexible spirit and a tolerant attitude. There is room for diversity without division. Differences can be discussed without disputation. We stand on the threshold of a great opportunity for advancement. Through God's continued blessings we can expect greater accomplishments. We must beware lest we allow dissension to thwart the work of the Holy Spirit through us.

Your understanding and prayers are needed to sustain me in my sincere effort to serve you and our Lord.

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School Board. I have always been impressed by the psychology of a Board meeting. It is amazing to me that seven men can come from so many areas and backgrounds and meet together as one mind. A Sunday School Board is transitional. Men come and go from this Board. The transition has always been smooth and the work continues. Our Board has always met in harmony. Everyone has not always agreed on everything but where there has been disagreement it has been in the spirit of brotherly love.

For a final statement I would like to quote from a real Sunday school authority in our denomination who says, "Sunday School Is Big Business."

Yours for greater Sunday schools,
Roger C. Reeds, General Director

C.T.S. REPORT FROM OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

"... Seek ye first the kingdom of God..." a phrase from Matthew 6: 33. It appears that man, whether young or old, is seeking everything else. This is the purpose of our denomination's youth and training department to encourage each member to put Christ first and to do His will in all things. It is to this end that the various programs and activities of the Board of Church Training Service are planned and promoted.

LOCAL LEADERSHIP

We are keenly conscious of the major role of each CTS leader in the local church. It is the degree of dedication of these workers that determines in large measure the failure or success of the local training program. The National CTS Department recognizes its role as a service agent to provide basic guidelines and supplies. A further responsibility of the National CTS Department is the provision of leadership training as it relates to the particular ministries of C.T.S.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Board of Church Training Service is moving forward in the development of a National Leadership Training Program for CTS leaders and camp workers. A site was purchased from the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists to serve as a National Center. Facilities are being prepared for use in leadership training for boys, training for leaders in CTS and camp, and for weekend retreats and conferences.

Future plans for the National Leadership Training Program include conferences to be held at the site near Nashville and at other strategic locations where interest warrants. The special program for teenage boys is to be held each summer. In order to move the leadership program forward each CTS is asked to share in a special offering during the MEASURE UP campaign in September. The goal for each CTS is twenty-five dollars. Most CTS groups can meet this challenge. We trust that those who can do more will do so.

MEASURE UP

MEASURE UP is the theme of the CTS emphasis for September. A special attendance campaign is planned for four consecutive Sundays beginning with September 8. To measure up in attendance there must be an average increase for the four Sundays of twenty-five percent above the average attendance for July and August.

An attractive award will be presented to each CTS which measures up plus a gift for the general director. An official report form is available from the National CTS Office. Attendance kits with promotional materials for each of the four weeks is available.

COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

New competitive materials for the 1968-69 CTS year are now ready and may be ordered from the National CTS Office. The Bible Tic Tac Toe Kit contains six hundred question and answer cards, two booklets containing the same questions and answers as the cards, and the booklet, Genesis and Archaeology. The Bible Bowl Kit is the same except the booklet, Is the Bible the Word of God? is included instead of Genesis and Archaeology.

The new study booklet for Sword Drill is ready. A list of declamation speeches is available. Essay themes for 1969 will be sent upon request. Each church is urged to provide an opportunity for its young people to participate in all of the competitive activities.

PRINTING SERVICE

At the end of October, 1967, the inter-office printing operation of the Sunday School and CTS departments became the full responsibility of CTS. The change was made in order to provide coordination and supervision of printing for the benefit of each department that wishes to utilize the service.

Additional equipment has been added to the printing operation by CTS thus increasing the total service. It is now possible to process a manuscript to a finished printed product within the walls of the National Office Building. Substantial savings in printing have been realized by CTS and other departments.

It should be noted that not all of the printing for the various departments is handled through the printing service. It is more economical on large volume items to use the services of commercial printers. It is low volume publications, letterheads, prayer cards, order blanks, and similar items that a quality service is provided at a distinct savings. Only two of the CTS publications are of sufficient volume to merit printing commercially, thus the importance of the printing service to CTS is magnified.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The National Church Training Service provides many services to the denomination and to local CTS groups. New churches are given their first quarter's literature free up to twenty-five dollars, free samples are sent upon request to all churches interested in organizing a CTS, and other free samples are given under various circumstances. Workshops and informational meetings are held by members of the CTS staff without specific charge, however, participating church or group usually shares in meeting a portion of the expenses. Other services include assisting district and state associations in the general promotion of CTS, attending associational meetings, and the planning and preparation of the National Youth Conference.

Services such as those listed above are in part made possible through the regular support of the National CTS Department by the local Church Training Service. The needs continue to grow as our total ministry is expanded. We suggest that your CTS share in this broad ministry by receiving an offering once each month for the National work.

FOR THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

A new lapel pin has been manufactured for general CTS directors only. This attractive pin is made in the design of the scalloped CTS emblem. It is beautifully blue and gold in color. This pin is available only to the general director and each purchase will be registered. The price is \$2.50 each.

The provision of the special CTS lapel pin is one of the many things planned for the purpose of giving proper recognition to the office of the local CTS director. It would be very proper for a church to order this pin for their director and present it at a special time.

MAILING LIST

A request for the names and addresses of the general director and all other CTS leaders has been made by the National CTS Office. Form sheets on which to write the necessary information has been sent to each church having a CTS.

The purpose of developing a mailing list of CTS leaders is to make possible more direct communication between local workers and the National CTS Office. You are urged to send the information in as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

PROJECTS FOR CTS

Are you looking for a special project for your CTS group that would be directly related to the Church Training Service program? There are many needs which you are welcomed to share in as a group. The National CTS Office will be glad to make available to you a list of possible projects. If a project is chosen, suggestions and ideas for accomplishing the task will be available.

In Christ, Samuel E. Johnson General Director

HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL

New state comes into National - Maryland

Attendance: Between 4,800-5,000

The Executive Board and two persons from each state are to meet and bring back a statement to next year's Convention on "The Place of the Backslider".

Urge C.T.S. in churches to give 10% of their offering to the National C.T.S. Board.

Fall enlargement Campaign this fall in Sunday School.

Youth Activities Results — Bible Bowl - Florida - 1st; Missouri - 2nd
Tic-Tac Toe - Missouri - 1st; Tennessee - 2nd
Missouri young people also took 2nd in the Sword Drill and 1st in Adventurers. (We praise God for our young people.)

Date of next year's Convention in St. Louis - July 14-17

Messages from speakers outstanding with a number of people going to the altars.

Over 1,000 young people registering.

Special Award given to Henry "Pop" Melvin, who retired from the S.S. & C.T.S. Board.

Layman of the Year, Mr. Goen, from Bright Light F.W.B. Church in Bryan, Texas.

Wednesday night Mission Offering - \$3,313.00.

1971 - We go to Nashville, Tenn.

Registration: 257 Delegates, 593 Ministers, 1,550 Visitors; Officers the same as this past year.

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by the board for service in North America:
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Adkisson, New Brunswick, Canada; Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Aguirre, Monterrey, N. L., Mexico; Rev. Herman Brooks, New Brunswick, Canada; Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Carney, Trenton, New Jersey; Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Hill, Winter Haven, Florida; Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin, Juneau, Alaska; Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Henderson, Austin, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Carl Hinz, Summer missionaries; Rev. Sandy Goodfellow, Summer missionary; Rev. Don Hanna, Summer missionary; Miss Carolyn Hathaway, Summer missionary; Miss Lynn Smith, Summer missionary; Miss Kathleen Sturgeon, Summer missionary; Miss Wilma Watson, Summer missionary; Miss Linda Williams, Summer missionary; Rev. and Mrs. Wade Jernigan, Idaho; Rev. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Anchorage, Alaska; Rev. and Mrs. William Buster, Lexington, Kentucky; Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Montgomery, Alabama; Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens, Nova Scotia, Canada; Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett, Seattle,
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Washington; Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewiate, Portland, Oregon; Rev. and Mrs. Larry Powell, Virgin Islands; Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders, Hawaii; Rev. and Mrs. Norlin Jones, Jackson, Tennessee; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows, Mexico; Rev. and Mrs. Levy Corey, Meridian, Mississippi; Rev. and Mrs. Dale Skiles, St. Joseph, Missouri; Miss Bessie Yeley, Retired missionary.

In addition to the above-mentioned men and women, designated funds were channeled through the home mission office in some amount for:

Miss Dixie Myers, Alaska; Rev. and Mrs. Don Jones, Missouri; Rev. and Mrs. Major Followill, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Perry, Nebraska; Rev. and Mrs. Frank Cousineau, Canada; Rev. Fred McCoy, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Howard Pittman, North Carolina; Rev. Kenneth Walker, Oklahoma; Rev. Eddie Reddick, New Hampshire; Rev. Bob Thomas, Colorado; Rev. Glen Hill, North Carolina; Rev. and Mrs. Jack Kelley, Canada; Rev. Tom Johnson, North Carolina; Rev. Ronnie Dail, New Hampshire; Bull Run Mission, Tennessee; Rev. Herbert, Rogers, Ark;

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Kaneshiro, Okinawa; Lubbock Mission, Texas; California Mission Board, Georgia Mission Board, North Carolina Mission Board, Indiana Mission Board, West Virginia Mission Board, Texas Mission Board.

In addition, national workers were supported in Mexico and funds were sent for the operation of the Bible Institute at Monterrey.

Rev. and Mrs. James Nason will soon be located in Bangor, Maine, where they will begin a church. The national board urges your full support of this project.

A work will begin soon in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and it is our hope to expand our witness in Hawaii.

Chaplain (Captain) Gerald Mangham is serving overseas at this time. We are grateful for his ministry.

Reverend and Mrs. Mark Vandivort will begin a new work in Columbia, Missouri, this fall. Mark has served the national board well for the past eight years and will continue to work in this joint project.

Reverend Robert Shockey has been used
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PROJECT 5000

Dear Friend of Missions:

We have a plan to help our missionaries that we think is one of the best in the missions business. It's called Project 5,000, and for some reason our first attempt to enlist supporters fell flat. We think it must be our fault, since too many businessmen and laymen in our churches have told us that the plan is solid. And it reduces the number of appeals for funds reaching you, while at the same time relieving the burden of giving for each individual. So, we don't want to let it go.

The plan seeks enlistment of a hard core supporting group of 5000 individuals who will give a maximum of \$20 per year above regular giving as need demands.

We have divided the country into five geographical zones on the basis of denominational membership, and are seeking to enlist 1000 people within each zone who will commit themselves to give \$10 upon request for basic funds for the missionary or for an approved project overseas. No individual will be asked to send in his \$10 Project 5000 gift more than once within any six-month period. Thus the maximum commitment in this program is for \$20 per year, less than two dollars per month.

The five zones are clearly marked on the map on the enclosed explanatory leaf-

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of the Lord these past months as field secretary and his ministry has been a blessing to our people wherever he has travelled.

Interest is increasing in our home mission and church extension work and we propose to give recognition to all churches which support this ministry monthly. A plaque will be given each church that gives a minimum of \$25 per month for the calendar year.

The following states exceeded their quota in giving for 1967: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Tennessee. The following states gave the largest total amounts: (1) Tennessee, (2) Oklahoma, (3) North Carolina, (4) Missouri.

My thanks to all who helped make this report possible.

Sincerely in Christ,

Homer E. Willis

General Director, Treasurer

Board Members: Roy Thomas, Colorado, Chairman (1969); Harry E. Staires, Oklahoma, Vice-chairman (1970); Gordon Sebastian, North Carolina (1971); H.Z. Cox, Texas (1972); Frank Davenport, North Carolina (1973); J. E. Blanton, Georgia (1974); R. E. Pixley, Arkansas (1969).

Missouri's Quota for 1969 12,000.00

Dear Pastor,

Is your church a "Home Mission Ambassador Church"?

It is possible that your church is already. August 1968

let. This is the way the plan works: A new missionary needs \$10,000 to depart for the field. The 1000 participants in Zone 1 are asked to make their Project 5000 commitment of \$10 each, thus providing the \$10,000 needed. Zone 1 will not be called upon for another Project 5000 gift for at least six months. To meet emergency needs or special projects during that period, other zones will be called upon instead.

This appeal is one of only two major appeals made to you by the foreign missions department. The other is our annual "Call-a-thon," a once-a-year campaign through the Sunday school during April, Foreign Missions Month. Any other appeals to you for missions come through missionaries who are usually from your own locality and deserve your special support, or through your local organizations.

We feel that God has richly blessed our work through your giving and your prayers in the past. And as our work grows to reach more souls for Christ, we are faced with new and complex problems of finance. Such items that we must consider in getting new and returning missionaries on the fields include travel, language study, equipment, vehicles, housing and furnishings, not to mention the missionary's personal expenses. Total costs that must be met be-

ready a "Home Mission Ambassador Church." The Board of National Home Missions and Church Extension voted recently to begin a project that would not only involve individuals but every single church regardless of size in a program of Gospel outreach in North America that would reach unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Here is the plan!! We are going to have "Home Mission Ambassador churches" in different categories; for example, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150, or \$200 per month churches. Each pastor will get individuals in the church to make a faith promise of \$1 or more per month and give it through the church on Missions Sunday (perhaps the first Sunday in the month). If the total amount is \$25 or more your church will qualify for a beautiful plaque signed by Reverend Roy Thomas, chairman of the Board, and Redesignating your church as a "Home Mission Ambassador Church."

Perhaps your church already gives the minimum amount or even more. You will automatically receive one of our beautiful plaques to grace your church. We will send proper forms for you to complete and send back to us for filing in our office.

Now, here is the challenge. If your church does not give at least \$25 per month to National Home Missions and Church Extension, begin next Sunday to get individuals to say, "Yes, I will join in with this Gospel outreach and give at least \$1 per month for the cause of Christ." Perhaps the Sunday school, C. T. S., Woman's Auxiliary, or Master's Men would like to join in to help. If your

fore a missionary leaves the States average between \$8500 and \$12,000.

This price is small compared to the fruit of that missionary's labors--souls won, villages opened to the gospel, hearts opened by medical care, national missionaries trained to minister to their own people, Scripture translated into previously untranslated languages, gospel literature produced and distributed. One has only to look at the churches established in our ten foreign fields and the hundreds of souls won to Christ in the last ten years to see the thrilling returns on a relatively small monetary investment.

Last year all five zones received a general appeal in behalf of the Fred Herseys and Lonnie Palmers. No appeals have been made this year, since we are seeking first to enlist the fall quotas of commitments from all areas before making special appeals.

We trust that you will prayerfully consider Project 5000 and become one of our hard core supporters to provide these basic funds. If you have already joined our friends of missions who have committed themselves to Project 5000, please pass this letter on to a friend.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Reford Wilson

General Director

church already gives \$25 per month, challenge them to give \$50 and if they give \$50, challenge them to give \$75, etc.

It is already a proven fact and a spiritual blessing that a church of any size can be a "Home Mission Ambassador Church."

Sincerely in Christ,

Robert L. Shockey

Field Secretary

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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

Sunday, June 2, Pastor Reeves and Marshfield Free Will Baptist Church observed their sixth anniversary with an all day service, climaxing Sunday afternoon with the communion and feet washing service. I was privileged to preach the sermon for that service. Marshfield Church has a good potential, located one block south of highway #38 in the city of Marshfield. This church indicated they were going to adopt the Cooperative Plan of support, too.

Rev. Clyde Montgomery and New Home Church in Mission Quarterly Meeting, invited us to deliver the Sunday evening sermon June 2 and, too, explain the allocation of our Missouri Cooperative funds. A member gave an offering to the same.

Being so near Memorial Day, the Sunday evening crowd was small, but "The Lord blessed with showers of blessings in His house, as he always blesses when His people meet the conditions." We are hopeful New Home will adopt the Cooperative Plan of giving. This fine rural church directly supports two of our national home missionaries currently.

Pastor Matthews and Beacon Church hosted the Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting, June 7 and 8. Ministers preaching in this assembly were Pastor Bowman, Pastor Black and Bro. Beatty gave the devotional and rendered the Cooperative Program in this session. Six churches formed into a new association, effective date to be the week following our Mo. State Assn. August 20 through 23. These six churches give 10% of their general offerings to Mo. Cooperative Fund. Brethren, let's make an observation and challenge at this point. Here, we have six churches originally organized under the direction of Mo. State Missions Department. Each church launched building programs. Thus, they have bond programs, as part of their financial obligation to take care of too. Brethren, here is our exam-

ple: God's people tithe to the church. The church tithes to Cooperative Plan, plus free will offerings. This is God's plan and way! And it will work in any congregation, regardless of the size.

We attended the ordination service at Belton Free Will Baptist Church June 8. The Central Western Association Presbytery ordained two deacons for the Belton Church. Pastor Charles Black delivered the ordination sermon. Thus, Belton Church is now in good condition to move forward for the Lord.

Too, encourage Pastor Skiles and our newly organized church. I journeyed on up to St. Joseph Sunday morning and delivered the morning sermon there. Please pray for both Pastor Skiles and St. Joseph Free Will Baptist Church. The prospects are good there, however it will require continued diligence and earnest labor to possess our portion in this prosperous city. Incidentally, they adopted the Cooperative Plan, and paid two months tithes Sunday evening, June 9. We visited for Cliff Bowman and Marshall Church. Bro. Dennis Bowman began revival meeting with this service. Several were saved in this evangelistic effort. The church is growing and moving forward for the Lord.

Sunday evening, June 16, Pastor Arnold of Faith Church took some children to our Youth Camp. I was privileged to fill the pulpit for this service in Faith Church. Their church benefited by some souls being saved at Youth Camp from their number.

Thursday evening, June 27, I attended the closing night of Teenage Camp meeting at Niangua Youth Camp Grounds. Many were saved plus rededications in this final week of meeting. Grant Avenue Avenue Church and Pastor hosted Harmony Quarterly meeting Friday night, June 28. Two young ministers preached Friday night, Rev. Slaughter and Hampton, and Bro. Beatty delivered the 11 a.m. sermon Saturday and put on the Cooperative Program.

I attended one service of the Niangua Quarterly Meeting held with Pleasant Ridge Church Saturday night, June 29. Bro. Frank Linton preached the sermon, and I was given time to present the Cooperative Program and preach too.

Sunday morning, June 20, I was privileged to deliver the message in Hannon Church. Pastor Glen Murray is doing good here, winning souls for the Lord.

Sunday afternoon we attended the Fifth Sunday Rally of Central Western Quarterly Meeting, held with Oskaloosa Church. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative service, and a message also. Rev. Carl Eden is the pastor here, only thirty-six churches contributed through the Cooperative Fund in June. Therefore, the monthly receipts were below average. Thanks to everyone. And let's double our effort for July, which is the last month in our fiscal year. The early receipts for July are real good.

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JUNE 1968 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Garfield	May	\$ 22.91
Willow Springs	May	50.83
Twin City	March	36.55
Twin City	April	42.00
Parkview	May	113.35
Hannon	May	47.50
Thayer	May	48.74
Cope	May	14.23
New Harmony	May	5.55
Grant Ave.	May	88.62
Granby	May	13.30
Carterville	May	16.10
Farmington	May	144.35
Olivett	May	41.14
New Home FWB in First Mission Ass'n (Offering)		1.00
Central	May	128.00
Merl's Chapel	May	24.81
Salem	May	20.00
Monett	May	116.25
Victory	May	152.03
Leadington	May	129.00
Black Oak	June	10.00
Desoto	May	36.41
Copper Mines	June	41.00
Mine La Motte	June	14.68
O'Fallon	June	42.44
Cape Girardeau	May	49.81
Union Light		60.00
Berkeley	June	256.74
Grant Ave.	June	166.00
Central	June	160.00
Fellowship	June	50.00
Willow Springs	June	50.21
South Side	June	168.00
Viburnum	June	51.18
Lebanon 1st.	June	115.00
Pleasant Hill S.S.	June	9.45
Beacon	June	118.27
Waynesville	June	59.92
Parkview	June	117.54
A Friend	June	7.09
Total Received		\$2,840.00

DISBURSED JUNE 1968

55.00%	National Ass'n.	\$1,562.00
1.00%	C.T.S.	28.40
2.00%	Youth Camp	56.80
3.75%	Gem	106.50
8.25%	General	234.30
14.00%	Promotional Dept.	397.60
16.00%	Home Missions	454.00

Total Disbursed		\$2,840.00

From the Desk of the Editor:

Please let us know when you are going to move. It costs us ten cents for each paper that is returned to us. Also, we will have to have ZIP Code numbers on all subscriptions. Remember, let us know when you move.