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Missouri Team wins Bible Tic-Tac-Toe in Oklahoma City.
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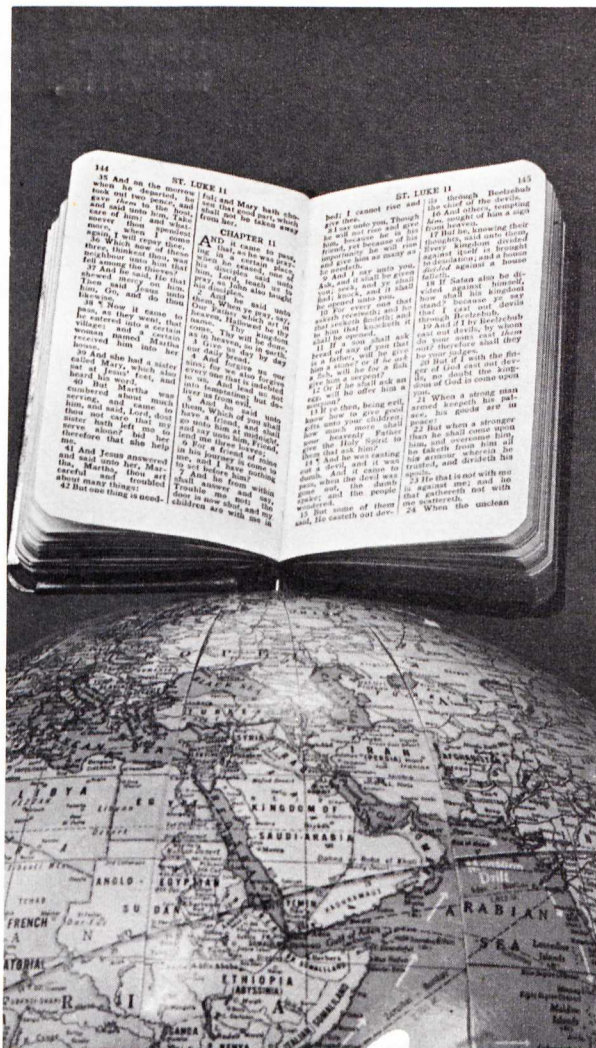
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Greetings in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ;

How long has it been since you talked
to someone about Jesus Christ? As we
see sin spreading across our land, we
see America in worse shape that it ever
has been. When we realize we have in
our hands the Word of God, the mightiest
power ever committed to man. It is more
powerful than our jets that streak across
our sky, greater than our Armies, Navy,
or our Airforce.

How we need to lift up our eyes in
this dark hour and serve our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ.

When machine guns must be mounted
on our Capitol steps and carried by our
soldiers in order to protect us, not from
enemies outside but enemies within; some-
thing is tragically wrong. And at the very
time our boys are thrashing the Jungles
of Viet Nam, and other places to preserve
peace.

My friends, during the past five years,
not only have we had senseless rioting,
looting, and bloodshed which is causing
our cities to go up in smoke but we have
had three assassinations, plus many other
crimes and murders taking place. These
things, dear people, portray a sickness in
America that could be fatal to our present
society, unless something is done to cause

our country to be brought to her knees
before Jesus Christ.

I am convinced that the only way to get
this country on her feet is to get this
country on her knees first. What God
needs, more than any certain man in the
White House as President, is somebody
who can bring this nation to her knees in
repentance! Our nation has strayed from
God. Our problem is not the color of
people's skin; our problem is the color
of people's hearts.

Our problem is the poverty of the way
people are living. If we can get the slum
of sin out of people's hearts, I believe
we will clean up the slums of our cities,
too. What we need in this country more
than a war on poverty is a war on sin.
Unless something is done to turn the
tide, our country is going to fall like a
deck of cards in a windstorm. We see
America as if she were a mad house where
the inmates are trying to run the prison,
or a school where the students run the
teachers, or a home where the children
are trying to run the parents, or even a
church where the members are trying to
run the church without God in their hearts.

By Brother William Lee Armstrong,
Superintendent of Sunday School at Sun-
view Freewill Baptist Church.

WHAT AMERICA NEEDS

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EAST INDEPENDENCE REPORTS



1. "Line-up Time" - Picture of the pupils marching in to begin V.B.S.



2. Picture of entire V.B.S. during Worship Time.



3. Our little Pre-Schoolers singing "This Little Light of Mine."

Hello Fellow Christians: We, at East Independence Free Will Baptist Church, are happy to report that we had a good group of our young people represented in Youth Camp this year.

We are greatly rejoicing, for the Lord really blessed us in our Vacation Bible School during the past month. We had an enrollment of 85 with Mrs. Peggy Davis as our director. Our theme was "God's Word, Today's Hope." Each morning we took a special offering to send to Bill and Joyce Jones who are doing missionary work in Africa. We were proud to send the amount of \$29.00 and in our closing program, we had the largest attendance we have ever had. As a result of Vacation Bible School, we have new families attending Church.

We have also started our C.T.S. program, as of July 7th. Bro. George Jackson is our director. We have great concern in our small church and so many people willing to work for the Lord, so we have faith that the Lord will bless our C.T.S. program as much as our Sunday School.

Our Pastor Ted Davis was released from Independence Hospital July 23rd, after undergoing knee surgery. We are really missing him but through our prayers and God's healing hand we hope to have him back in a couple of weeks. We also want to say thank-you to Bro. David Painter from the Victory Church in Avondale who was with us for two of our services. It does our hearts good to see a young man preaching the Word of God.----And as our Church keeps growing we are very happy to say that two new classrooms are needed and will be complete in the very

near future.

Please pray for us, so that we might see our little Church grow for the Lord and Saviour.

WIN NATIONAL CHURCH HONOR

The Mountain Valley Free Will Baptist Church youth team, pictured above, won national honors in Bible Tic-Tac-Toe among Free Will Baptist Churches at their convention in Oklahoma City July 15-18.

Before winning national honors, the team had placed first at district and state levels which qualified them to represent the State of Missouri at the national level in Oklahoma City.

In the finals, the Missouri team defeated Texas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Virginia teams. Then they defeated Cofer's Chapel Church of Nashville, Tenn., for the national title.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Neher sponsored the team and accompanied the young people to the national meeting.

The team was presented gold-finished plaques and medals at an honor service before an audience of about 3,500 in the Civic Center Music Auditorium in Oklahoma City.

Rev. Homer Smith, pastor of the Mountain Valley Church, said he is very proud of these young people for winning this national title for Missouri.

Ranking second at the national in the Sword Drill was Mike Housley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Housley, of the Rock Chapel Church.

"Recommendation"

Item No. 2 Of the Business Committee of the Mo. Southeast Yearly was recommended to be sent and published in the Gem.

Item No. 2: We Recommend that the Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting go on record as being united in prayerful support of the Study Commission elected at the National Association and by the State Association, to study our Denominational position of the backslider. Let us pray that their decision under the leadership of the Holy Spirit will unite us in purpose.

CHURCH BROKE RECORDS

We broke all records at Coppermines in our Home-Coming. Attendance, 147. Offering & Tithes, \$164.00.

PASTOR AVAILABLE

Rev. Gene McCully is available for pastoral work. He may be contacted at Alton, Mo.

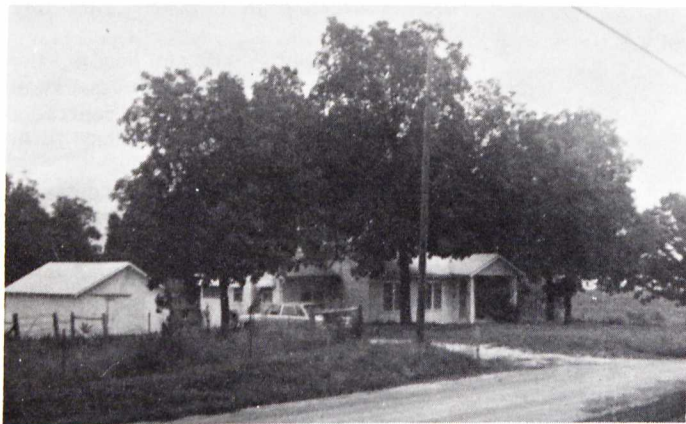
YOUNG MINISTER ORDAINED

Dear Co-Workers!

It is once again we come to you with thankful and joyful hearts and greetings in the name of our lovely Saviour Jesus Christ.

On Saturday night, August 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. we gathered together at our church in DeSoto for a very beautiful and wonderful service with about 100 persons

NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS



COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, MISSION

Dear Friend,

I have some exciting news to report to you. I believe God has provided us with a special blessing in Columbia, Missouri. He has made the arrangements for me to sign the contract on a house and five acres of land that is just right for a church site. The property is located on the corner of Rock Quarry Road and Old AC Road. It is two miles south of the University of Missouri campus. College Avenue will be extended south adjacent to our property soon.

When I arrived in Columbia, I first thought I might look for rental property so I could rent until the right opportunity to buy. I became very discouraged as the housing situation is very tight in Columbia. One evening I returned to my hotel room discouraged and frustrated. God spoke to my heart in a special way through two verses in Romans chapter eight. First from verse eight, I realized that I must get myself out of the way and let God take over. Verse fourteen is a refreshing promise that as a child of God I can depend upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit. During prayer, the Lord impressed me to start looking for land as it would require land if we were able to build a church.

I remembered that during the month of May I had travelled through Columbia stopping at a service station where I engaged in conversation with a real estate agent. I still had his card in my billfold. I resolved to look him up the next day as he dealt in farm land and small acreages. As I left my hotel room the next morning, I walked right past his office. In his office window I noticed a sign advertising a house and five acres of land. I was suddenly very interested. Just as soon as I could get in touch with the real estate agent, I asked him to show me the property. I felt very impressed. It was love at first sight. I had my friend to show me every small acreage plot that he could, but none of the other lots were suitable for a church site. We arrived back in town about noon and contacted the owner. Several very thrilling incidents regarding my locating the property have given me assurance that this was the leadership of God.

We are very excited about the prospects of our ministry in Columbia. I would like to share with you three prayer requests and I believe you will remember us in a special way. (1) Pray that soon we can win our first soul in Columbia, Missouri. (2) Pray that we can make arrangements to finance our property. (3) Pray that Christian families will join with us in assuming the responsibility of starting a church. I have learned that two Free Will Baptist families are moving to Columbia in August. This sounds good to me.

In Christ,
J. Mark Vandivort



WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

The work of one missionary family in an area where there is little witness for Christ may seem small and insignificant. But, if you combine the results of their work with that of several other missionaries, you can see that a great deal is being accomplished. We thought it would be interesting to do just that and see what the outcome would be.

Below is a report for the month of June of what twelve home missionary families have been doing.

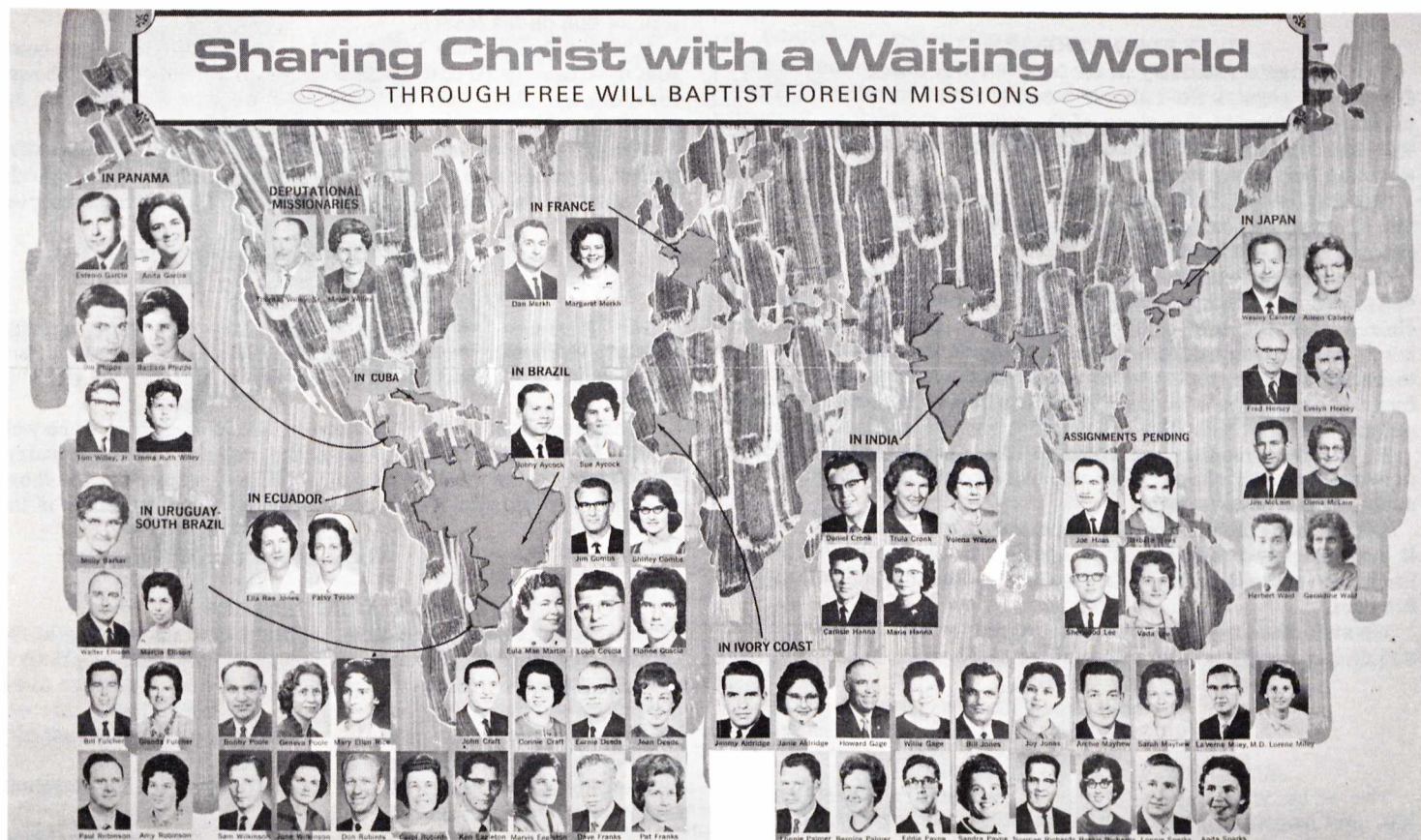
Total baptisms-----	17
Total professions-----	53
Total homes visited-----	548
Total prayer meetings held-----	30
Total marriages-----	2
Total attendance of those at prayer meeting-----	158
Total amount of gifts-----	\$ 150.46
Total amount of offerings received-----	2,484.81
Total miles travelled-----	18,199
Total number of new members-----	15
Total average Sunday school attendance-----	471
Total sermons preached-----	118

Are you satisfied with the results of this report? Do you feel there should be more professions, more baptisms, or more people attending Sunday School? If you think this report should be improved, do something about it. You can, you know, by praying daily for these missionaries who are working in such difficult places.---A news release from the National Home Mission Department, Reverend Homer E. Willis, General Director.

Beacon FWB Church-Raytown	\$ 15.00
Lloyd Aldridge-Grandview	11.00
Fellowship FWB-Flat River	141.00
Dale Crossgrove-Novinger	5.00
Lowground FWB-Novinger	5.00
First FWB-El Dorado Spgs	10.00
Cooperative Plan	4.25
Billy J. Miller-St. Louis	5.00
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First FWB-Joplin	35.10
Otho McCormack - Springfield	2.00
Henry A. Jacobs-Fredericktown	5.00
Grant Ave. FWB-Springfield	57.00
Ernest Clift-Marshfield	6.00
Thayer FWB	4.00
Floyd E. Green-Lee's Summit	45.00
Howard Muse-Alton	5.00
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell-Cabool	2.00
George Martin-Springfield	5.00
Garfield Sunday School-Thayer	20.00
Bethel FWB-West Plains	42.72
Harold Kelsey-Greentop	5.00
Fellowship Class-FarmingtonFWB	13.00
Farmington FWB	124.46
Beacon FWB-Raytown	5.00
Eli T. Stephens-St. Louis	25.00
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First FWB-Springfield	23.86
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Richwoods FWB	5.00
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Archie Cooper-Kirksville	10.00
Kirksville FWB	129.81
Myrtle FWB	37.00
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Cuba FWB	11.30
Ronald E. Barr-Arnold	5.00
Clifford Neasby-Phillipsburg	12.00
Union Grove SS&Church-Norwood	45.00
Valentine Arnold-Florissant	30.00
Gilbert Fortney-Springfield	5.00
Leeman Hahn-Farmington	100.00
W. L. Evans-Springfield	10.00
Martinstown FWB-Worthington	30.00
DVBS-Aulsbury Chapel-BonneTerre	10.16
Aulsbury Chapel-Bonne Terre	22.50
Billy J. Miller-St. Louis	5.00
E. Independence FWB	29.08
Eli Stephens-St. Louis	20.00
Lloyd Aldridge-Grandview	11.00
St.Francis Dist.Aux-Flat River	15.00
First FWB-Monett	305.00
Fellowship FWB-Flat River	141.00
Southside FWB-St. Louis	132.00
Ed Freeland-Fredericktown	20.00
Central FWB-Kansas City	79.40
Phillip Fry-Mtn. Grove	8.00
Beacon FWB-Raytown	40.00
Lester Barks-St. Louis	10.00
TOTAL	\$2,803.55

Missouri Home Mission Board	435.00
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Mrs. Lucy Postlewait-Mtn.Grove	6.00
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On Sunday, August 11th, at the regular evening worship hour, the Auxiliary observed the Focus on Woman's Auxiliary Emphasis Month by using the program guide and emphasizing the purpose and value of Women's work in the church.

Our Minister, Rev. Darrell Morris, gave a short talk encouraging the Auxiliary to continue their work.

Our President, Sis. Sue Morris talked on the Focus of Woman's Auxiliary and had charge of the program. Sis. Christine Pinkley was Narrator for the skit "Who is She?" with Barbara Weeks, Phyllis Burr, Betty Ferrell and Helen Talley taking part.

Sis. Mildred Burr read the scripture, Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. Sis. Pearl Wilhite, Barbara Weeks, Betty Ferrell, Helen Talley and Sue Morris gave topics on Auxiliary learning, praying, giving, serving and the Auxiliary convention.

An offering in the amount of \$8.75 was taken to be sent to the WNAC General Fund.

On Tuesday, August 13th, our Auxiliary had it's regular meeting. Although only five members - Sis. Sue Morris, Christine Pinkley, Helen Talley, Odessa Francis and Betty Ferrell and one visitor, Darlinda Sue Morris, were present, the presence of the Lord was felt.

Sis. Chris Pinkley had charge of the meeting. It was opened with prayer by Helen Talley. The Secretary and treasurer's reports were given. The August program, "Mission in Mexico," was read and discussed by all. Auxiliary was dismissed with prayer by Sis. Sue Morris.

Mrs. Betty Ferrell, Corres. Secretary

GIFTS FOR MISSIONARY CLOSET

The Women's Auxiliary of the Myrtle FWB Church met August 6th for our regular Co-Laborer meeting with 7 members and one visitor present. At the close of the meeting the visitor, Eleanor Wisehart, joined our Auxiliary. We are glad to have her and welcome her in our work.

Meeting called to order by the president; opening prayer by Sis. Dorris Brown; old and new business taken care of and all reports given and passed.

Our program chairman took charge and presented the lesson, "Missions in Mexico," and since Bro. Billows had visited our church recently, told of some of the work that has been undertaken and is being done in Mexico. It made our lesson more interesting. Lesson topics were given and discussed, then a letter from Bro. Billows was read. At the close of the lesson special prayer for the "Institute of Gold" was led by Sis. Edna Hall.

In our July meeting we voted to have a missionary and/or a provision closet shower for our August meeting. Several nice usable items were brought.

A short but colorful social was prepared by some of the ladies. It was prepared Mexican style keeping in line with our lesson. Each one present enjoyed the evening spiritually, as well as the fun part.

We still covet the prayers of each of you for our Auxiliary work and that more will join in the work for the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Mamie Crase, Corres. Sec.

AUXILIARY VOTES TO GIVE A DOLLAR

The Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary of West Plains, Mo. met August 5 for our regular monthly meeting with 11 members and 5 visitors present.

The program was opened with scripture reading from Matthew 9:36,38 by president Gracie Stephens. Opening song was "Send the Light" and prayer was offered by Eudeen Adkisson. All officers' reports were given and accepted. The mission chairman gave a good report on our first missionary "Jesus Christ."

The motion was made, seconded and passed that we send a dollar per member for Auxiliary Emphasis month. We were happy to welcome 2 new members into our Woman's Auxiliary, Sisters Elaine Skiles and Ella Mae Stephens.

Our Co-Laborer lesson "Mission in Mexico" was given in question and answer period. Then a report of our missionary, the Rev. Arthur Billows was given, studied and enjoyed by all present.

Dismissed in prayer by,
Hattie Sims, Corres. Secretary

LEBANON AUXILIARY

The Lebanon Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met at the church August 7 with 16 members and one visitor, Mrs. Sharon Vincent, present. The opening hymn was "Bring Them In" with prayer offered by Mrs. Sharon Vincent. The president, Mrs. Farron Jones, called the meeting to order. Reports of each officer were given.

The lesson "Missions in Mexico" was given by Mrs. Bernice Dickens, Mrs. Dorothy Mosier and Mrs. Jean Bowman. Mrs. Janell Walters, program chairman, read the scripture and gave a brief talk on the lesson.

It was voted to help Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sullivan whose home was destroyed by fire. It was also voted to give a wedding shower for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davidson who were married August 4th at the church.

A wedding shower was given for Mr. Grover Null, Jr. and Miss Sharon Jennings who were to be married August 10th at the church. The mission chairman asked each one to pray for our missionaries in Mexico.

Gladys Montgomery, Corres. Sec.

MONEY FOR DEEDS

The Berkeley FWB Woman's Auxiliary had their monthly meeting Wednesday evening August 7. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We decided to send \$10.00 to Ernie Deeds.

Our lesson was about "Missions in Mexico". Topics were well given. We learned of their habits and religion and the country. We dismissed the meeting with all kneeling and praying for those who are lost in sin. We came away feeling the blessings of the Lord.

Verna Smith, Corres. Secretary

PROGRAM BY PLAYLET

The Fourth Church Woman's Auxiliary held its meeting at the church on May 20th. We had 15 members and 1 visitor present. Our Co-Laborer lesson this month was a real challenge to all of us as mothers. We all realized we had failed to give our children the time they need. We all have a great responsibility to teach our children the ways of our Lord.

The playlet was given by Sis. Wilma Dodson and her daughter Sis. Alice Brown. It was enjoyed by all.

We held our yearly election of officers. Our new President:

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Sis. Mildred Killion; Vice-President: Sis. Jean Willhite; Recording Secretary: Sis. Virginia Willhite; Treasurer: Sis. Opal Turnbough; Missions Chairman: Sis. Wilman Dodson; Study Course Chairman: Sis. Alice Brown; Program Prayer Chairman: Sis. Karen Vancil; Personal Services Chairman: Sis. Nellie Willhite; Historian: Sis. Judy Hovis; Social Service Chairman: Sis. Helen Bryant; Corresponding Secretary: Marge Hurston. Please pray for our ladies that we may do our best for our Lord, who did so much for us.

Marge Hurston, Corres. Sec.
Fourth Church, St. Louis

THAYER AUXILIARY

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met Tuesday evening August 6 with 16 members and four visitors present.

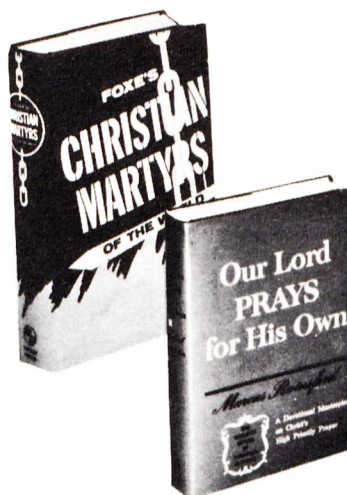
The meeting was opened by singing our Auxiliary song "So Send I You"; prayer by Sister Ruby Johnson. Sister Clara Allen, Program Prayer Chairman, gave the Scripture reading from Matthew 9:36-38. Sister Jo Pingleton gave the program "Missions in Mexico". Sister Pingleton told of many things Brother Billows told of his work and the people of Mexico when he visited in their homes, this spring when he was a guest speaker at our church.

Following the program Sister Gay Combs was in charge of the business meeting. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved and officers' reports were given. Sister Lorene Pohnert was a delegate to the National Convention at Oklahoma City and gave a very good report.

Pray for us that we may be more mission-minded and rededicate ourselves anew in the work of our Lord. Pray for our Auxiliary.

Helen Underwood, Corres. Secretary

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FROM OUR BIBLE COLLEGES

FORMER STUDENTS JOIN BIBLE COLLEGE FACULTY

Two Bible College graduates will return to the school this fall as members of the College faculty.

The Reverend Milton Crowson, from Tupelo, Mississippi, will be instructing in the fields of Bible and English. A 1960 Bible College graduate, he finished with the highest average in his class. He has spent a year working toward the M.A. degree at Bob Jones University. Crowson has pastored in Tennessee, South Carolina, and Alabama.

The Reverend Dwight Riggs, originally from Hazel Park, Michigan, will join the faculty as professor of Christian Education. A 1963 FWBBC graduate, he earned his M.A. degree at Columbia Bible College and has completed residence work on his Ph.D. degree at Bob Jones University.

Three Bible College faculty members have been granted leaves of absence to further their education.

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Simpson will spend approximately a-year-and-a-half at the University of Oklahoma where Dr. Simpson will complete work on his Ed.D. degree in education.

The Reverend Ralph Hampton, bible teacher at the Bible College, is finishing work on his B.D. degree at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He is expected to complete this work in two years.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION APPOINTS BIBLE COLLEGE BOARD MEMBERS

The Reverend Bill Robinson and California layman, Delmer Priest, were

elected to the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees by the National Association in session at Oklahoma City in July. The Reverend Randy Cox, currently a member of the College Board, was asked to continue on the Board for another term.

Other members of the Bible College Board of Trustees are Rev. William Mishler, Rev. Damon Dodd, Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. Luther Gibson, Mr. Owen Thomas, and Mr. M. E. Howard.

LAYMAN LOANS BIBLE COLLEGE \$12,000

Mr. J. V. Avery, of Smithfield, North Carolina recently presented a check for \$12,000 to Jack Paramore, director of the Bible College Development Campaign. An annuity will be paid Mr. Avery for the use of the money.

BIBLE COLLEGE DRIVES TOWARD \$175,000 GIFT BUDGET

The National Association has approved a 1968-69 general fund gift budget of \$175,000 for Free Will Baptist Bible College. The following state quotas have been set:

STATE QUOTAS

Alabama	\$ 8,000.00
Alaska	200.00
Arizona	1,000.00
Arkansas	4,000.00

California	5,000.00
Colorado	600.00
District of Columbia	300.00
Florida	8,000.00
Georgia	10,500.00
Hawaii	200.00
Idaho	750.00
Illinois	6,000.00
Indiana	2,000.00
Iowa	200.00
Kansas	1,000.00
Kentucky	3,000.00
Michigan	14,000.00
Mississippi	6,500.00
Missouri	10,800.00*
New Mexico	700.00
North Carolina	24,000.00
Ohio	8,000.00
Oklahoma	7,500.00
South Carolina	8,800.00
Tennessee	18,000.00
Texas	4,500.00
Virginia	7,000.00
West Virginia	2,000.00
Washington	850.00
W.N.A.C.	2,500.00
Other	8,500.00
TOTAL	\$175,000.00

*Editor's Note: Let us all work that we will go over our quota.

FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM



attending. Our pastor, Rev. Charles Miller was to be ordained to the ministry to preach the gospel of Christ Jesus.

Rev. James Barker was in charge of the service. The service was opened with the congregation singing "He Brought Me Out," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "My Saviour's Love," and "Victory in Jesus" with Linda Stephens at the piano and Brenda Berry leading the singing.

Rev. Jim O'dell led our thoughts in prayer. Rev. Grover Terry, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas came forth and gave greetings from Kansas and led the Devotional. He chose to read from Acts 6:1-7 and commented on these scriptures teaching us the Duty of a Deacon and the Duty of the Minister and then led our thoughts in prayer.

Bro. and Sister Mayer of the Hurryville church rendered special music and singing "The Old Fashioned Preacher," and "Keep Walking."

Rev. Harley Brown, pastor of the Park View Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge, Mo. was selected to bring the ordination message. Rev. Brown chose scripture from Acts 20:27-32. His subject "The Overseer's Orders," is to "Take heed to yourself, your flock, and the world about you." Rev. Brown preached with power, the Holy Spirit anointing him and directing the message of God to each and every heart. The message was very enlightening and inspiring.

Rev. Miller and Sister Miller were asked to come forward and Rev. James Barker gave the charge to Bro. Miller, to preach the Word, as Paul gave it to Timothy: "To preach the Word, Be instant in season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." After the charge was given, the ordained gathered at the altar to pray the ordination prayer, with laying on of hands of the Presbytery and Rev. Grover Terry led the Ordination Prayer.

A fellowship handshake was extended to Bro. and Sister Miller and benediction was pronounced in prayer led by Brother T. D. Rider.

As we left the Church we were all rejoicing in our hearts and felt it was good to have been in the house of God that

evening.

Praise the Lord.
In Christian Love,
Sister Ackerson, reporter

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI CAMP REPORT

Free Will Baptist churches in the Southeast section of the State experienced a successful youth camp during the week of July 29. 134 students enrolled for camp, with large attendance by area Free Will Baptist churches each evening for camp meeting revival services conducted by evangelist Johnnie Land.

Over 30 decisions were made for the Lord during camp session. Classes were conducted daily. Supervised sports, evening revival, room devotions, ended a glorious fellowship and day at camp. It was truly a joyous season and a working of the Holy Spirit was prevalent at each session.

An offering was received each evening towards the purchase of a camp for this section of the state.

Anna Marie Simpson
Barbara Hayes

CAVE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

The Cave Spring Quarterly Conference assembled with the Wilderness Church July 6, 1968. Most churches were represented by letter or delegates.

We all enjoyed an inspiring message from Bro. Clark Stephens and Bro. E. E. Simpson. Our next conference will be held with the Pleasant Hill Church near Couch, Missouri.

A VERY BUSY SUMMER

Rev. Harley Brown will tell you that this has been a busy summer at Parkview Church in Desloge.

Bible School was a two-week session beginning June 3rd. Attendance was good in spite of the Head Start and Summer School programs. Sister Nellie Rasnic did a good job as our director and all who came and all who helped received a blessing.

We have had three baptized and united with the church. They are Virgil Moyer, Margie and Marie Sands.

The Bible Bowl contest held by the St. Francis County C.T.S. Rally was a victory for our team, Margie Sands and Karen Brown.

Bro. Leroy Huff, a member of Parkview, was elected to serve as Vice President of the St. Francis County Sunday School Convention.

We had four young people: Karen Brown, Bea Whaley, Linda Neece, and Margie Sands, who attended the Youth Camp sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Churches of this area. Rev. Brown served as one of the instructors at the Camp. The Church and ladies of Parkview provided, prepared and served the Thursday noon meal for the camp.

The newly-elected officers and teachers began another year's work for the Lord on July 7th. We are planning a special promotion day program for September 29th. The church voted to have one pro-

motion day a year.

A building plan for air conditioning the church and a new parsonage was begun about a year ago. Part of the goal has been attained. The air conditioner was installed and in working order for the month of August.

Our pastor and his family attended the National Association. The St. Francis County Quarterly meeting and the yearly meeting for this district were held in the past two weeks. The State Meeting at Joplin will be next on Rev. Brown's church calendar.

An ordination service was held at DeSoto Church on Aug. 34d. Rev. Charles Miller, a former member of Desloge Church and now pastor of the DeSoto Church, was ordained as a minister. Rev. Brown was given the honor of bringing the ordination message.

Sister Eunice Edwards united with the church on Sunday Aug. 11th. Sister Edwards will be speaker for the morning and evening services on August 18th while Rev. Brown is away on vacation.

The thoughts and prayers are now for a fruitful and stirring fall revival.

Remember us in your prayers.

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS FROM THE VIBURNUM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Our church has been spiritually blessed and inspired under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Darrell Morris.

A visitation Program has been underway each Thursday night at 7:30 for about the last month. Although no visible results have been shown in church, each one doing the visiting and those visited have received a great blessing.

Bro. Lewis Ferrell will be ordained as a deacon at the Viburnum Church Saturday night, August 31st, at 7:30.

The Church voted to recommend Bro. Ray Limbaugh as Deacon. He is presently on his six months' trial period.

The Photo-Viewer Show & Tell has been purchased for the use in teaching the Sunday School lessons. It is proving very successful and beneficial both to the teacher and pupils.

We were very happy to have Eddie Ferrell from our church attend the St. Francois Co. Youth Camp. On Monday night he rededicated his life and is happy serving the Lord.

On July 11th our church, along with the First Baptist Church here, reserved the roller skating rink at Cuba. A good crowd from both churches attended. Everyone, including kiddies, teen-agers, and adults enjoyed themselves.

Then on Saturday night, August 10th, we observed Family Night with a watermelon feast at the Viburnum City Park. Although the weather was gloomy and rainy, several families attended. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and had all the melon they could hold.

We covet your prayers that our church will grow in unity in working for the Lord.

Highlights from STATE MEETING

OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Kansas City, Missouri
Clerk: Rev. Andy Lay, Kirksville, Missouri
Assistant Clerk: Rev. Alton Loveless, Joplin, Missouri

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED ON STANDING BOARDS

Home Mission: Rev. Glen Rehkop, Arnold, Missouri
Youth Camp Board: Rev. Luther Gibson, Mountain Grove, Missouri
Sunday School & CTS Board: Dale Underwood, Stella, Mo.
Don Jones, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
R. B. Spurgeon, St. Louis, Mo.
Superannuation Board: Rev. James O'Dell, Flat River, Mo.
Rev. Jack Stallings, Festus, Missouri
Statistician: Miss Leona Thompson

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GENERAL BOARD

The General Board makes the following recommendations to the State Association:

1. That the date for the State Association Meeting be changed to the 3rd week in June; to suggest that the Local Associations meet in September, December, March, and June, the June meeting to be the yearly meeting; thus, making the Associational year June 1-May 31. This change to take place over a two-year transition period.
2. Regarding the relocation of the State Headquarters:
 - a. That we sell the present Headquarters Building in St. Louis and relocate it in Lebanon, Missouri.
 - b. That the State Headquarters remain at 3100 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis, until the sale of that property.
 - c. That we rent a residence for our Executive Secretary in Lebanon, Missouri, preferably one with a two-car garage and basement to accommodate the Book Store, Headquarters, and Gem office for the present.

All of them passed.

REGISTRATION: Ministers-70; Ministers' Wives-41; Deacons-22; Associational Clerks-1; Delegates-34; Visitors-157.

State Home Mission Board gave a plaque to the church that gave the most money over their Co-operative giving to State Home Missions; Central FWB Church, Kansas City, Mo. who gave \$457.27. They also gave a plaque to the Church that gave the most per capita; Hannon FWB Church won this plaque. They gave \$401.69.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Item #1: Be it resolved that the State Association raise \$2500.00 for the expense of the National Association in St. Louis; that each Association raise a proportion of that amount based on its membership and that the GEM Editor, Clerk and Promotional Secretary serve as a committee to formulate the plans for raising the money and execute them. Carried.

Item #2: Be it resolved that the General board be instructed to

conduct an Audit of the various financial reports and report to the State Association. Carried

Item #3: Be it resolved that the State Association give a standing vote of thanks to the Indian Creek Association, the Joplin church and the Pastor for the wonderful job in hosting the 55th session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Carried

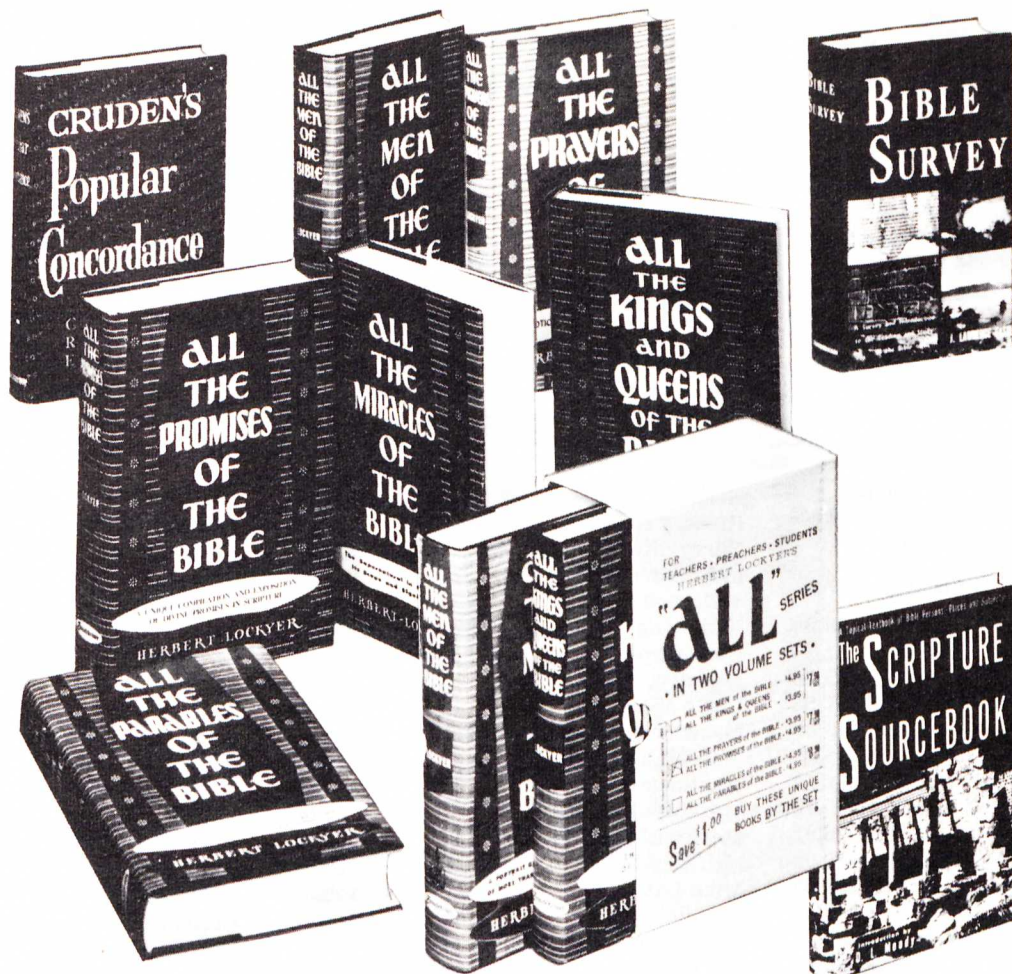
Tom Carlson
Jim McAllister
Luther Gibson
R. B. Spurgeon
Jack Stallings, Chairman

All Departments in the Black (see Executive Secretary's Report next Page).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Farmington	116	129	142	160	153	147	136
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	124
Grant Ave., Springfield	175	188	186	187	183		
Viburnum Church	43	44	43	54			
Mine La Motte	17	31	27	36	36	33	38
KoshKonong	43	51	62	-62	62	63	
First, Mtn. Grove	213	277	287	287			
Desloge	74	82	90	89	92	79	86
First, Springfield	211	213	262	268	225		
Hannon	54	63	64	61	62	65	59
Leadington	112	133	156	166	146	140	
Copper Mines	62	90	93	85	87		
Fourth Church, St. Louis	167	183	190	176	188	132	
West Plains	162	169	176	181	166	148	
First, Lebanon				92	90	113	97
Myrtle Church	50	67	62	70	66		60
Twin City Ch., Festus	49	59	64	55			
Hartville Church	64	67	74	64	65		
Cape Girardeau	24	48	75	70	60	52	61
Sunnyview, Lebanon	67	68		81		72	58
Desoto	41	52	56	58	53	52	
Grace Church	154	189	250				
Berkeley	304	346	410	370			
Thayer	102	129	129	135	124	125	132
Overland	162	201	216	215	203		
St. Joseph		18		18			
Richwoods				53	65		
Gateway Church, St. Louis	43	54	57	64			
Salem					26	25	21
Central Church	154	163	156				
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	76	77	82	86	84	85	94

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AUXILIARY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Myrtle FWB Church met May 7 for our regular Co-Laborer meeting with 11 members present.

The meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Sis. Ora Wisheart. President Sister Reed took charge. Old and new business was discussed. Officers for the coming year were elected. They are: president, Gloria Carlson; vice president, Jane Huddle; program chairman, Bernice Cantrell; secretary treasurer, Dorris Brown; corresponding secretary, Mamie Crase; study course, Edna Hall; personal service, Raralea Reed; missions, Ruth Caldwell, and historian, Geneva Sorrell.

Sister Cantrell then presented the lesson "Missions Begin in the Home." Scripture Matt. 5: 15-16 was read by Arbie Evans. The program was concluded with a skit given by Dorris Brown and Gloria Carlson.

The lesson was very good and I believe we should all do more "missions" work at home.

The meeting ended by reading a letter from one of the boys from Vietnam that we had sent a package to. They were thrilled to receive it.

Delegates were elected for our District Quarterly meeting for May 17 at West Plains, Mo. Closing prayer by Geneva Sorrell.

Corresponding Secretary,
Mamie Crase

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Report of the Executive Secretary

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;"....Psalm 29:2a.

With gladness and thanksgiving to God, we bring this report to the fifty-fifth session of the Missouri State Association.

PROMOTION:

We have travelled many miles this year in the interest of our denominational work in Missouri. In addition to preaching and promoting the work in scores of churches, I attended one time or more each quarterly or fifth Sunday meeting in the State Association. Following last year's State Association I attended, as a delegated representative of the State, the Trustee Board meeting of the

Oklahoma Bible College for the purpose of determining its development. I also attended the semi-annual promotional secretaries meeting in Nashville, Tennessee March 28 and 29, and the National Association in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 15-18.

I operated our Free Will Baptist Book Store, and set up our Bible and Book stand in the various district meetings attended. I helped dedicate two churches during this year.

You will observe the co-operative giving almost reached the proposed budget of \$44,000.00 with the help of 12 new churches that adopted or readopted the program during this year of 1967-1968.

State of Missouri Free Will Baptist Co-operative Giving by Individual Churches August 1, 1967-July 31, 1968

Name of Church	Amount Received
Alton	\$ 50.80
Aulsbury Chapel	521.20
Beacon	1,415.08
Berkeley	3,307.26
Black Oak	40.00
Buffalo	63.00
Cabool	431.52
Cape Girardeau	433.76
Cartersville	226.01
Central, Kansas City	1,479.99
Cope	239.35
Copper Mines	548.99
Cuba First	379.76
Desloge, Parkview	1,130.68
Desoto	384.71
Eldorado Springs	62.93
Faith & Hope	-27.00
Farmington	1,590.76
Fellowship	600.00
Flat River	201.00
Fredericktown	1,320.17
Garfield	328.44
Grace, Arnold	1,648.97
Granby	29.65
Grant Avenue	1,441.13

Hannon	691.26
Hickory Grove	108.03
Hurryville	914.00
Independence	314.34
Jefferson City	70.75
Kirksville	330.00
Leadington	1,434.00
Lebanon, First	799.00
Little Vine	5.00
Macedonia, Liberty Assoc.	100.00
Marshfield	2.00
Martinstown	25.00
Meramec Heights	60.00
Merl's Chapel	259.17
Mill Creek	290.52
Mine LaMotte	132.83
Monett	1,567.49
Mt. Pisgah	160.61
Mt. Grove	2,446.16
Mt. Valley	170.34
Myrtle	537.88
New Harmony S. S.	65.92
New Home	33.30
New Home, Mission Assoc.	1.00
New Prospect S. S.	92.96
North Side, St. Louis	55.01
Oak Grove, Cave Springs Assoc.	17.00
O'Fallon	493.04
Oskaloosa	147.75
Overland	3,492.00

Pleasant Hill, Couch	40.00
Pleasant Hill S.S. Miss. Assoc.	9.45
Pleasant Home	80.81
Richwoods	359.98
Rock Chapel	281.53
Royal Oak	5.00
St. Joseph	32.92
Salem	120.00
Smyrna	20.00
South Side, St. Louis	1,778.57
Sunnyview	35.00
Thayer	624.52
Trinity, St. Louis	200.00
Twin City	444.17
Twin Oaks	450.00
Union Chapel	100.00
Union Light	170.00
Verdella	471.80
Victory	1,572.80
Viburnum	280.42
Waynesville	591.24
West Plains	514.00
Willow Springs	228.32
Rev. Robert Carlson	25.00
A Good Samaritan	50.53
Marzella Henderson	40.00
Olivett	195.78
Total Co-operative Funds	Received \$41,440.36

TREASURER'S REPORT- August 1, 1967-July 31, 1968

Co-operative Funds Received	\$ 41,440.36
55% Disbursed to Seven National Departments:	
.55%- National Laymen's Department	\$ 227.92
1.65%- National Superannuation Department	683.77
5.50%- National Church Training Service	2,279.22
8.80%- National Home Missions Department	3,646.75
11.00%- National Executive Department	4,558.44
11.55%- Free Will Baptist Bible College	4,786.36
15.95%- National Foreign Missions Department	6,609.74
55% to National Departments	\$22,792.20
45% Disbursed to six Missouri State Departments:	
1.00%- Missouri S.S. and C.T.S. Department	414.40
2.00%- Missouri Youth Camp	828.80
3.75%- Missouri Free Will Baptist Gem	1,554.01
8.25%- Missouri General Fund	3,478.85
14.00%- Missouri Promotion Department	5,801.65
16.00%- Missouri State Home Missions	6,630.45
45% to State Departments	\$18,648.16
100% Total Amount Disbursed	\$ 41,440.36

GENERAL FUND August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

Received:	
Designated gifts and offerings from Churches	\$ 38.12
8.25% of Co-operative Receipts	3,418.85
Minute money from local associations	167.13
Total Received	\$ 3,624.10
Disbursed:	
Deficit forwarded, July 31, 1967	\$ 253.23
General Board Travel Expenses	385.56
Postage	11.00
Phone Call for General Board	13.34
500-1968 Programs, 500-Statistical Forms	91.25
Badges, 1967 and 1968 (2 years)	92.00
Check charge	6.08
Leona Thompson, Honorarium	10.00
National Association Delegates Fees	75.00
1967 Clerk's Salary, Frank Guinta	60.00
12 Monthly installments on Headquarters Building @ \$162.00	1,944.00
Paint and Plumbing parts for Apartment	21.02
Plaque	20.66
1/3 share of Insurance on Building(\$17,500.00)	44.00
Total Disbursed Including Deficit Forwarded	\$ 3,027.14

Total Received	\$3,624.10
Total Disbursed	3,027.14
Balance 7/31/68	596.96*

* Indicates bill outstanding for 1967 Minutes of \$274.64

Harry Beatty, Telephone Calls	
Re-imbursement	114.50
Bibles, Books and Materials	7,739.84
Total Received	\$10,510,338.66

Disbursed:

Bibles, Books and Materials	\$ 5,824.75
City License	17.62
Liability Insurance	25.00
1/3 share of Insurance on Building (17,500.00)	44.00
Sales Tax, State, 3%	83.59
Postage and Freight	144.33
Telephone	395.33
Headquarters Office and Book Store Utilities	288.18
Social Security for T.A. Fore	3 15.40
Labor in Book Store	252.43
Miscellaneous Supplies	29.55
Check charge at Bank	1.50
Total Disbursed	\$ 7,121.68

Balance, July 31, 1968 \$3,216.98

FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

Received:

3.75% of Co-operative Funds	\$ 1,554.01
Subscriptions	2,132.42
Total Received	\$ 3,686.43

Disbursed:

Deficit forwarded July 31, 1967	\$ 249.83
Editor's Salary	600.00
Printing of Gem	2,705.00
Postage	22.04
Phone	23.78
Film	10.72
Total Disbursed	\$ 3,611.77

Balance, July 31, 1968 \$ 75.06*

* Designates figure which was in the red last year, now in the black.

DESIGNATED MONIES RECEIVED and DISBURSED August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

Wade Jernigan, Honorarium for Message 1967 Session	\$ 100.00
National Home Missions General Fund	31.15
National Foreign Missions General Fund	21.65
Herbert Waid	5.00
Jimmy McLain	45.00
Missouri State Home Missions	16.70
Missouri State Youth Camp	16.70
St. Joseph Church Project, Offering at State Meeting 1967	43.30
Total Received and Disbursed	\$ 280.00

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

Received:

Balance forwarded July 31, 1967	\$ 3,082.62
14% Co-operative Funds	5,801.65
Other receipts	2 35.00
Total Received	\$ 8,919.27

Disbursed:

FWB Bible College (voted at 1967 Session)	\$ 1,000.00
1/3 share of Insurance on Building (17,500.00)	44.00
12 months Salary	5,175.00
Christmas Bonus	100.00
Postage Supplies and Incidentals	55.45
Utilities, Electric and Fuel	266.74
Harry Beatty's Social Security-1967	179.92
11,595 miles traveled @11¢ per mile	1,275.71
1,160 miles to National @6¢ per mile	69.60
Total Disbursed	\$ 8,166.42

Balance July 31, 1968 \$ \$ 752.86

BOOK STORE RECEIPTS

August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

Received:

Balance forwarded July 31, 1967	\$ 2,484.32
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MISSOURI STATE HEADQUARTERS ASSETS

August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

Cash on hand in Book Store Account	\$ 3,216.98
Inventory of Stock, July 31, 1968	3,021.00
Accounts Receivable: Open Account	100.00
V.B.S. Account	300.00
Office Equipment	150.00
Property, Living Quarters, Desk & Cabinets	15,000.00
Total Assets	\$21,787.98

EXECUTIVE CHURCH BONDS MATURITY AND INTEREST PAYMENTS

December 28, 1961 to July 31, 1967

(70 payments)	\$ 8,928.00
12 monthly payments @ \$162.00	1,944.00
82 payments total	\$10,912.00

Bonds matured and cashed in 1967 and 1968:

Bond # 15	\$ 100.00
Bond # 16	500.00
Bond # 17	100.00
Bond # 18	500.00
Bond # 19	100.00
Total	\$1,300.00

Bonds unmatured as of July 31, 1968 \$13,250.00

RECAP OF ALL MONIES

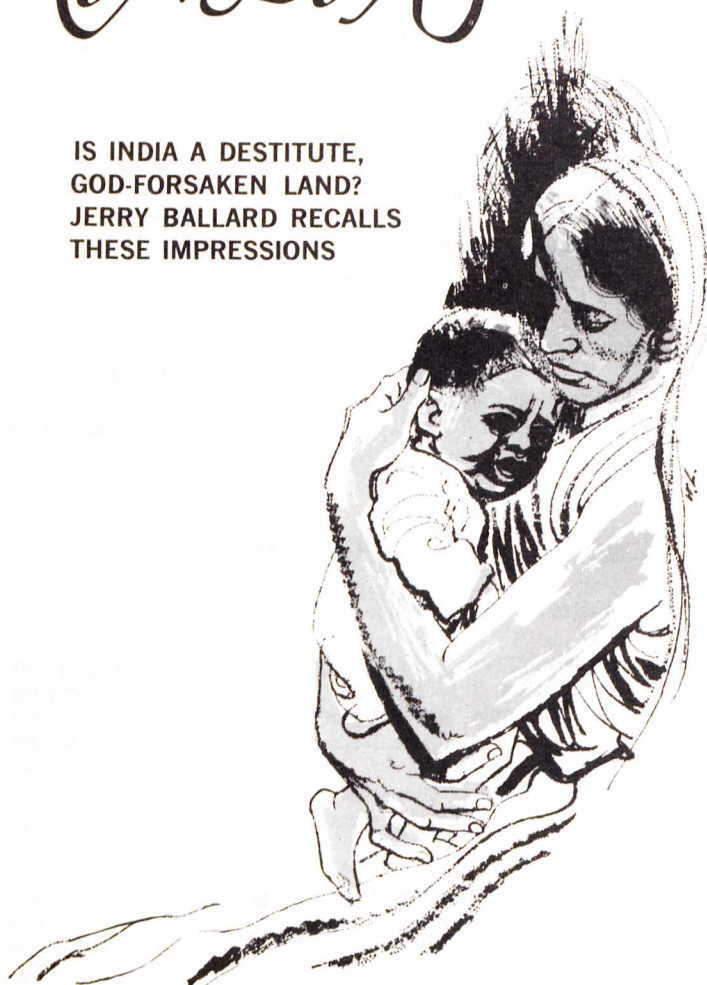
Co-operative Fund	\$41,440.36	\$ 41,440.36	\$.00
Promotional Dept. inc. Bal. fd.	8,919.27	8,166.42	752.86
Book Store, inc. Bal. fd.	10,338.66	7,121.68	3,216.98
Designated Monies	280.00	280.00	.00
General Fund, inc. Def. fd.	3,624.10	3,027.14	596.96*
FWB Gem, inc. Def. fd.	3,686.43	3,611.77	74.66*
Designated monies for National and State Dept. forwarded directly to those Departments		5,051.94	

Balance in all accounts, July 31, 1968 \$ 4,641.46

*Designates figures which were in the red last year, now they are in the black.

THIS IS INDIA

IS INDIA A DESTITUTE,
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JERRY BALLARD RECALLS
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IT ISN'T EASY to watch helplessly while a mother hugs her baby to her bosom knowing he is going to die. Perhaps she wasn't fully aware of it, but I knew it. She had already lost one. And the tiny, gasping baby she held so tightly would soon be dead, too, from malnutrition.

This is India.

It isn't easy to see small children naked with little bloated tummies ruling out hope for adulthood, to look into faces skin-taut from hunger and exposure, to see thousands huddle in the shadows at evening-time pulling their dirty, ragged clothes around them in search of a degree of warmth from the evening coolness.

This is India.

In a village of 60 to 75 people, only one of the women can write her name.

This is India.

I watched multitudes plodding down dusty roads with burdens balanced on their heads or hanging from bamboo poles across their shoulders.

I saw oxen pull wobbly carts loaded with meager wares ready for the marketplace. I walked by open stalls where village business is transacted, watched the flies swarm around the stench of spoilage filtering out of wayside cafes.

This is India.

I walked down trash-strewn walkways carefully side-stepping animal and even human waste. I saw

the lepers and beggars and deformed staring at passersby, searching for a ray of hope but never finding it.

I remember the face of a small child with only one arm who peered up at me through the filthy blanket hugging his bony, aching frame, and I remember the tears in his voice as he asked in Hindi for a small coin with which to buy bread. And I knew to give a coin would be of no more value in meeting his need than dipping a cup of water out of the Atlantic would reduce the tide.

This is India.

I rode past magnificent palaces built by maharajas of a past era standing in stark contrast against the entrenched poverty of India's millions. I saw the wealthy unconcerned about and even flourishing on the plight of the masses.

This is India.

Can God do anything in such a destitute, forsaken land? Is the Holy Spirit free to work here, too? Or are these dear people doomed never to hear the good news of new life in Christ?

I rode with the missionary and Indian preacher over gutted cart paths finally arriving at one of the thousands of villages in our area of North India. It seemed the whole village came out to meet us.

They are warm, friendly people—but they have an emptiness in their countenances. They listen to the gospel, but it is so foreign to them. A God who loves . . . peace of heart . . . eternal life . . . these concepts are difficult to comprehend when for so many years one has lived in superstitious fear worshipping a stick carefully propped up by mud with a tiny flower hanging down from a string.

But they welcome the preacher, they listen to the message, and someday . . .

This, too, is India.

I stood on the edge of the crowd at the fair attracted by Missionary Dan Cronk's accordion and saw scores of young men eagerly purchase Gospel portions from our dedicated hostel boys who sifted through the throng of people who know nothing of the Word of God but are anxious to get their hands on anything to read. Young boys ran after the jeep as we tried to leave and made us stop to sell them Gospels, also.

This, too, is India.

I rode with the missionary through the countryside

where he pointed out village after village where the gospel has never been proclaimed. The missionaries and their helpers push to exhaustion, but the field is too big. I recalled a scene back in the States when veteran Latin American Missionary Thomas Willey, Sr., threw his arm over missionary to India Carlisle Hanna and, though past the age when average men retire, said, "If none of these young people will go back to India with you, I'll go." And if he could, he would.

I recall a small Santal village about an hour or so from Kishanganj, North India, where we visited a Christian family for tea. Our fellowship continued until dusk settled. Oil lamps were lit to push back the shadows. The chilled night air brought a feeling of anticipation.

A table was placed in an open clearing with crudely constructed chairs for the missionary, the Indian pastor and foreign guests. Women and children gathered on straw blankets near the speaker's

table. The men sat on roughly hewn benches around the edges of the clearing.

Nearby, other villagers beat drums, played home-made musical instruments and drank rice beer. Soon they would be drunk and pair off with each other's wives.

But in our oil-lit sanctuary, more than two dozen voices were lifted in praise to the Lord against the backdrop of heathen darkness.

After opening formalities, John Mukul opened his Bible and began to preach a simple gospel message. He is an unusual young man . . . handsome, moderate of stature, trained at our Free Will Baptist hostel and at Calcutta Bible Institute, fluent in five languages, a great personal soul winner as well as convincing preacher.

As he spoke, all eyes, even those of the children, were glued to him. They were interested eyes . . . questioning, searching, desiring, receiving. The weird music from across the compound continued, but it didn't deter interest.

Mukul finished his sermon and bowed in prayer. Then he asked if any present wanted to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. No one in these villages had ever responded in an open service. Several had received Christ through personal witness, but to confess Christ before the village is revolutionary.

Slowly, four men raised their hands.

A song was sung. Mukul decided to see if the men really meant business. He asked them to come to the table which had served as his pulpit to pray a prayer of confession.

They all four came . . . the 75-year-old village grandfather, the area government representative, two other heads of families. And one by one they prayed for forgiveness and announced their reception of Jesus Christ into their hearts.

The long days of faithful witness, the cruel trips over the bumps and through the dust, the heartache and anxiety of seeing so many without Christ and such little response . . . all passed into oblivion, lost in the thrill of souls born into the family of God.

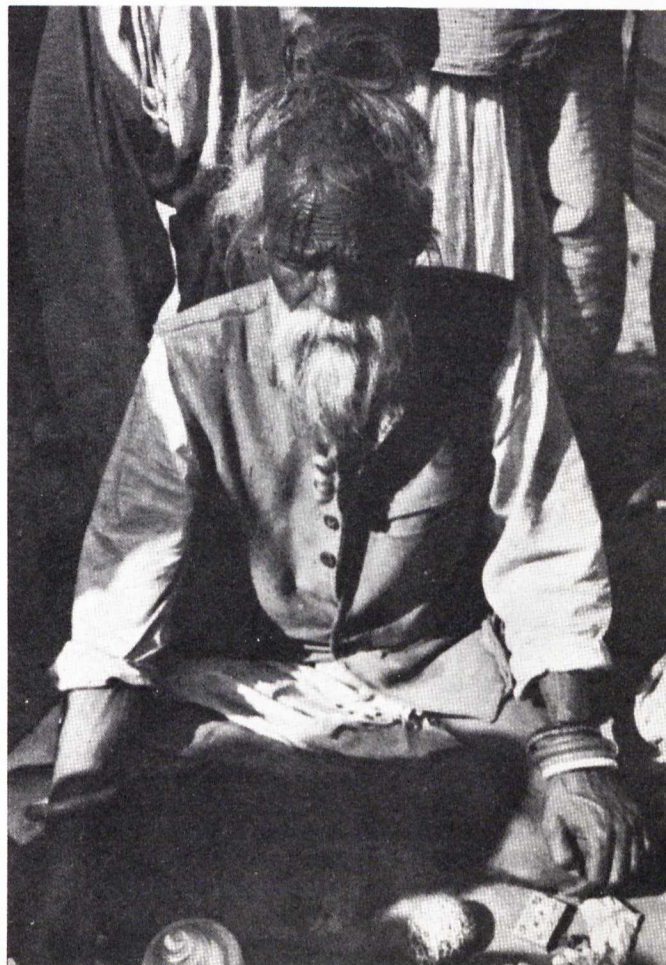
Good-byes were said, and as the jeep bounced back through the night to the mission station, our hearts were filled with praise that here, too, God is at work drawing men to Himself through the Lord Jesus Christ.

And I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving that this, too, is India.

INDIA NEEDS YOU . . . your prayer concern that the light of the gospel will penetrate heathen darkness . . . your gifts that missionaries may be sent with effective tools to capture the minds and hearts of Indians for Jesus Christ . . . yourself to share the joy of knowing Christ in a land of hopelessness.

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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

July has been a very busy month in the Lord's work. We attended the Cave Springs Quarterly meeting July 6th held with the Wilderness Free Will Baptist Church. In those days came Rev. Elza Simpson and Stephens preaching in the Wilderness Church in Oregon County. This was a reality indeed, that day. Most of their churches were represented with delegates and letters. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative program too. Another church Cooperative program too. Another church in the Cave Springs association gave an offering to the Cooperative fund this month. Sunday morning July 7th we worshipped with Pastor Gene McCulley and our Alton Church, and delivered the sermon there. Alton Church contributes to the Cooperative program regularly.

Enroute to the National Association in Oklahoma City July 14, I delivered the Sunday A.M. message in the South East Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa where our son Kenneth and family labor for the Lord. Their church is constructing a new sanctuary on land purchased in the South East subdivision of Tulsa. Jerry Rhoades is the pastor here; they are winning souls for the Lord as they move forward.

Sunday evening Mrs. Beatty and I attended our former pastorate in Drumright. I was privileged to preach the evening sermon there. Bro. Harry Staires is the pastor in Drumright. Several new families have been won to the Lord in recent months there. We are always glad to visit our Christian brethren in former pastorates; however, so many have gone to be with the Lord from Drumright church. This serves as a grim reminder that death is on our trail; and whatever we do for the Lord, we must do diligently now.

The North Eastern Association convened with Martinstown Free Will Baptist Church Thursday evening, July 25th through Saturday evening July 27th. Each of their churches were represented, both with

letters and delegates. Pastor Jim Walker from Illinois was the guest preacher for each worship service. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative service too; one of their churches gave their annual gift to the Cooperative fund. Likewise five other churches in Missouri gave one or more special contributions in July which is the closing month of this fiscal year. Yes, thank the Lord for every contribution which makes our 1968 report good. Cooperative receipts for the past twelve (12) months were \$41,440.00 on our suggested quota of \$44,000.00, Cooperative budget for 1967 and 1968.

Sunday morning July 28th, I was guest minister in our Kirksville church. Pastor Lay directed the Kirksville church through their Church educational building program; thus they have completed their building with a full-size basement fully equipped for Sunday School classes, and Junior Church services. Sunday evening I visited our group in Jefferson City; I hope and pray one of our ministers will find the leadership of God to go there and give them a helping hand as pastor. Brethren, pray for this church; really we need a strong church in our State Capitol city.

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JULY COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Royal Oak	July	\$ 5.00
New Harmony	June	6.75
Eldorado First	June	8.73
Pleasant Hill	June	10.00
New Home		12.44
Granby	June	16.35
Cape Girardeau	June	66.75
Verdella		115.34
Thayer	June	69.00
Victory	June	200.72
Hurryville		236.00
Garfield	June	45.67
Mt. Grove	June	269.36
West Plains Bethel	June	51.00
Myrtle	Apr. & June	146.15
Fredericktown	Apr. & June	367.89
Aulsbury Chapel	Apr. & June	153.60
Overland	June	300.00
Olivette	June	62.04
Trinity		100.00
St. Joseph	June	32.92
Salem	June	20.00
Grace		210.00
Farmington	June	134.29
Merl's Chapel	June	27.00
Twin Oak	June	100.00
Hannon		68.00
Cape		23.41
Alton	July	11.00
Kirksville	May & June	60.00
Mill Creek	Apr. & June	57.83
Copper Mines	July	40.00
Rock Chapel	June & July	50.73
New Prospect FWB S.S.		92.96
Twin City	May & June	71.60
Carterville	June	24.72
O'Fallon	July	34.71

Richwoods		83.53
East Independence	May	30.05
	June	23.61
Hickory Grove		18.82
Martinstown		25.00
Trinity	July	100.00
Fellowship	July	50.00
Monett	July	167.09
Flat River First	July	201.00
Marshfield	(adopted)	2.00
Central	July	128.00
South Side-St. Louis	July	157.00
Berkeley	July	305.33
Parkview	July	97.67
TOTAL July Receipts		\$4,691.06

DISBURSED July 1968:

55.00% National Association	\$2,580.08
1.00% Mo. CTS & S.S. Dept.	46.91
2.00% Youth Camp	93.82
3.75% Gem	175.91
8.25% General Fund	387.01
14.00% Promotional	656.75
16.00% Mo. State Home Missions	750.58

100.00% Disbursed:	\$4,691.06



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