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INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTATION IN

I believe that every person is born
into the family of God to "do the work of
an evangelist". In the same chapter in
which Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place
for you",¹ He also said, "Verily, verily,
I say unto you, He that believeth on me,
the works that I do shall he do also; and
greater works than these shall he do;
because I go unto my Father."² Speaking
unto the body of believers and addressing
them individually, Jesus said, "...ye shall
be witnesses unto me..."³ God speaks to
us through the writings of the apostle
Paul, "...God...hath given to us the min-
istry of reconciliation⁴ ...and hath com-
mitted unto us the word of reconcilia-
tion."⁵

Finley Hunter in his tract, "How Did
They Do It?", quotes Acts 19:10, "And
this continued about a space of two years;
so that all they which dwelt in Asia
heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both
Jews and Greeks" and draws the illus-
tration that everyone in an area twice the
size of Pennsylvania heard the gospel in
two years' time. He further points out that
they had neither radio, television, nor an
effective means of mass literature dis-
tribution at their disposal, but they ac-
complished the task through individual
implementation of the believers.

Hunter points out that their method
was simple but mightily effective. They
had a careful follow-up program with every
soul that they won. They gave great at-
tention to the young Christians as recorded
in Acts 15:36, "And some days after Paul
said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and
visit our brethren in every city where we
have preached the word of the Lord, and
see how they do"; on another occasion
Paul writes, "But we were gentle among
you, even as a nurse cherisheth her child-
ren: So being affectionately desirous of
you, we were willing to have imparted
unto you, not the gospel of God only, but
also our own souls..."⁶

Paul, a great soul winner, made foot-
steps that could be safely followed by his
young converts. "Those things which you
have both learned and received and heard,
and seen in me, do; and the God of peace
shall be with you."⁷ I believe the factor
of teaching the young converts to win other
men, women, boys, and girls to the Lord
Jesus Christ was a great cause of the
Christian faith spreading throughout the
known world like an uncontrollable epi-
demic. I do not really believe that we have
directed a man toward the road of Christian
maturity until we have seen that man bring
someone to Jesus.

Certainly it would be difficult to ter-
minate our responsibility to the new con-
vert in light of the words of Jesus,
"Teaching them to observe all things
whatsoever I have commanded you;"⁸ and
Paul wrote to young Timothy, "And the
things that thou hast heard of me among so
many witnesses, the same commit thou to
faithful men, who shall be able to teach

others also."⁹ Finally, we refer to the
words of Jesus, "Ye have not chosen me,
but I have chosen you, and ordained you,
that you should go and bring forth fruit,
that your fruit should remain..."¹⁰ Can
God trust you to win another to Christ and
train him to witness and win souls also?

In winning souls to the Lord and
training young converts to be soul winners,
I believe that we should make use of radio
and literature and every modern means of
communication and distribution that will
help us to share the message as quickly and
efficiently as possible.

The North Africa Mission has em-
ployed the use of Bible correspondence
courses and other forms of literature
evangelism for several years among the
Moslem population of North Africa. In a
recent letter Francis R. Steele, home
secretary of the North Africa Mission,
writes, "Over the years untold thousands
of pieces of literature have been distri-
buted and personal conversations held
whereby the seed of the gospel has been
widely sown in North Africa. But in re-
cent years, two changes have taken place.
Not only have efforts been multiplied and
new means employed, but also, there
appears to be a much more open reception
to the Bible among Moslems today. There
has been a significant reduction in the
normal resistance to the Christian mes-
sage. Hundreds, possibly thousands, are
reading and studying the Scriptures. But
most of them still require personal at-
tention and they are widely scattered
across the land. We need scores of
Philips who can preach unto them Jesus."

In Acts, chapter 8 we read the story
of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. The
eunuch had been reading the fifty-third
chapter of Isaiah which is perhaps one
of the most clear salvation passages of
the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit had
taken the evangelist, Philip, away from
a rich harvest of souls in Samaria to
this one man who was reading God's
Word and seeking to know God. In answer
to Philip's query as to whether or not he
understood what he was reading the eunuch
replied, "How can I, except some man
should guide me?"¹¹ This brings to light
a very real problem which some aspects
of evangelism might obscure, and that is,
that many, and possibly most, people re-
quire personal attention before they under-
stand the gospel properly and can make a
genuine decision for salvation.

I believe there is ample evidence and
personal testimony that many people have
been saved through reading literature and
through communication of the gospel by
radio and television. Even in these cases,
I believe the young convert is strengthened
in his faith when he finds the fellowship
and encouragement of another believer.

Recently, I heard missionary Fred
Hersey relate the story of their first
convert in Hokkaido, Japan. This man had
received a gospel tract seven or eight

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EVANGELISM

by Mark Vandivort

years prior to meeting Brother Hersey. He had saved the tract, studied, and meditated on its contents. After seeing Brother Hersey's services advertised, he thought that perhaps Brother Hersey might be the man who could lead him to know more about the God that he had read about in the tract. Consequently, the fellow was saved and grew in the Lord. Later, he met a Japanese girl whom he loved and through patient and prayerful Bible study, he was able to lead his girl friend to a saving knowledge of the Lord. Shortly thereafter, Brother Hersey performed his first marriage ceremony in Japan. Truly, a marvelous testimony of the value of mass distribution of the gospel as well as the individual implementation of the personal evangelist.

Recently, missionary appointee Larry Powell and I visited the British West Indies island of St. Kitts in connection with our survey trip to the Virgin Islands. St. Kitts is an isolated island about twenty-five miles long and ten miles wide on which approximately 40,000 Negro people reside. There is one American missionary on this island.

While traveling from the airport to the town of Basseterre, Brother Powell and I became engaged in conversation with our taxi driver, James. We were surprised when James told us that his favorite preacher was Dr. John R. Rice. James knew what we were talking about when we asked him if he were saved and if he knew the meaning of John 3:16. This was the first of much evidence pointing to the ministry of the powerful evangelical radio station PJD2 which reaches several million people in the Caribbean islands. It was evident that the seed had been both sown and watered through radio.

In our fellowship with our American missionary friend, we saw that here there is an open door for a great harvest. One of the missionary's neighbors was saved after the missionary and his wife moved next door. The lady stated that she had been waiting and hoping to meet someone who could lead her to the Lord Jesus Christ. This same lady has been growing in the Lord and has been instrumental in leading other people to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Again, I want to emphasize that I believe we should use every modern means available to communicate the gospel. However, we have not discharged our duty to our Lord Jesus Christ nor our fellowman if we only employ radio, T. V., and literature distribution and fail to personally do the work of an evangelist.

We see great extremes in the methods of personal evangelism. There are some groups who have a cut-and-dried formula for leading men to make a "yes" or "no" decision for receiving Jesus Christ. Such groups will usually talk to great numbers of people each day and ask them to make a commitment to Jesus. A certain percent-

age of those people contacted will respond by praying and asking Jesus Christ to come into their hearts. I am persuaded that a certain number of these decisions are genuine. There is evidence that some of these people do grow into Christian maturity. On the other extreme, there are Christian groups who rarely talk to a person about salvation and will only become interested in souls when it is a neighbor, friend, or relative. Then after much prayer and many repeated efforts, some of these people are won to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament I believe we see the emphasis placed upon the individual doing the work of the evangelist and not a promotion of any one particular method. Of course, our methods should be kept within obedience of scriptural principles. I think Brother Gordon Sebastian, while speaking here in the missionary conference two years ago, expressed a truth when he stated that the great need on the part of most of us is to simply get out and do something for the Lord Jesus.

I believe that a lost soul needs someone who will weep and be used of God in the ministry of intercessory prayer for that lost soul. Personal implementation of the evangelist will always be needed and required along with the various methods of mass communication which we employ. Give us men who will cry out to God as the apostle Paul, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."¹² May our church be filled with personal evangelists who can see the value of praying for an open door of utterance. As Paul requests prayer in Colossians 4:3, "With all praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ for which I am also in bonds". May God help us to be humble, dedicated to the task that we might sow in tears and reap in joy. It is so necessary that we be perseverant in prayer, persuading until we see lost sinners come to Jesus. In some areas it will take longer to sow the seed, patiently pray, and persuade; but eventually the harvest will come if we are faithful to the task.

I believe that it is important to know as much as possible about the person to whom we are trying to win to the Lord. For example, Paul Little, who is associated with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, reports that he has learned one of the most effective methods for him to bring the secular campus student to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is to give the student an opportunity to ask questions about God and religion. While moderating the questions, he endeavors to keep the discussion upon the crucial issue; namely, the Lord Jesus Christ himself, who He is, what He has done, and how one can come to a personal and vital relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord

and Saviour. Mr. Little lists the questions most frequently asked by college students as, "What about the heathen? What about the person who has never heard about Jesus Christ? Is God going to condemn that person to hell? What about the sincere Moslem, Buddhist, and so on? Doesn't he worship the same God but under a different name? In other words, is Jesus Christ the only way to God? Other questions involve the issue of how a good God can allow so much evil to exist in the world, such as babies being born blind, presidential assassinations, atomic bombs, earthquakes, etc.? Is God an all-powerful God but not an all-good God? Relative to an age of modern science, how do you know God exists? How can you accept the Bible? Isn't it full of errors and myths? Hasn't evolution shown it to be completely outdated, archaic, etc.? How do you know what is a true experience? How do you know that this whole thing isn't just an emotional upset and there is no objective reality to it? Isn't a good life all that is needed to get to heaven?"¹³

The student evangelist's heart is made to leap when he occasionally hears a student ask, "How can this thing you have been talking about become real to me? How can I know Jesus Christ in my own life and be sure? How can I get this for myself? How can it be meaningful for me today?"

We must face the facts. These types of intellectual doubts and questions are affecting the minds of a great segment of our society. Somehow, we must be prepared to communicate to these people the hope that lies within us in the living person of Jesus Christ as He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me (the living Saviour)".

Should we wait until we have all the answers before we begin to witness? Certainly, we should be as well prepared as possible through knowledge and prayer, but we must be honest. We will not always have the answers, but we can say with the apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."¹⁴

We need to have pure motives in our personal evangelism. Our Lord and Saviour "came to seek and to save that which was lost".¹⁵ Lost men are to be found among every race, creed, and social economic strata. I believe too often our personal evangelism is bound by personal prejudice and traditions. In the Gospels we see that the Jews were very adverse to communicating with the Samaritans. Jesus preached deliverance to the Samaritan woman and her friends, completely disregarding the traditional taboos. Will we follow in His steps?

The apostle Peter was certainly a Spirit-filled Bible preacher, but he was dead set against preaching to the Gen-

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GLEANNINGS

from the fields

LEADINGTON FWB DEDICATES EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church dedicated a new educational building on September 8th. The regular Sunday services were well attended and the dedication service was held in the afternoon following a basket dinner. Special music was featured by several different groups and the message of dedication was brought by Rev. Frank Giunta, the pastor.

The occasion also marked the fourth anniversary of Rev. Giunta's ministry at the church. During this time the present auditorium has been erected and the newly finished addition. Rev. Giunta, his wife Peggy, son, Steven, and daughter, Karen reside in the church parsonage at 218 Woodlawn in Leadington. He is a native of St. Louis and attended Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The new educational addition gives the church seventeen class rooms, two assembly rooms, an office, two rest rooms and storage area. These facilities will be used by the Sunday School and also the Day Care Center, "Leadington Happy Time Day Nursery" just recently opened. The basement area of the church will now be reserved for fellowship meetings and the Church Training Service activities. The construction of this new building was under the direction of Mr. Loyd Halter, building contractor of Elvins, Mo.

An interesting history of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church dates back to its organization many years ago under some oak trees in an open air meeting in the same area where the present modern buildings are located. The group of dedicated Christian laymen, now assisting the pastor in leading the church, are Fred Boren, senior deacon and also the church treasurer; the Board of Trustees, Oscar Treaster, Bob Clay, Albert Spradlin, Bob Fults, John Hampton and Lloyd Halter.

Leadington Free Will Baptist Church
Jerry Wilfong, Church reporter

Dear Sir:

We have just moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa and want to start a Free Will Baptist Church here. We are working through the Board of Home Missions in Nashville for help but we want to contact any other Free Will Baptist who lives here and we will go see him.

Write us: Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Ussery, 5047 RichMar Lane NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Phone 319-362-5914.

LIBERALISM BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Two booklets on vital current issues have been prepared by the Commission on Theological Liberalism of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Because no funds were made available by the denomination for the work, the Commission has been faced with not only the tasks of research, writing, and publication, but also that of soliciting funds for the worthwhile cause.

The printing bill of \$1,400 is now due.

Churches and individuals are asked to contribute \$10 or more in order to liquidate the debt. In return, a quantity of the booklets will be given to the donor for personal distribution on a give-away basis. During the National Association convening in Oklahoma City, scores of pastors stood to indicate they would make such a contribution. Some have responded already; others have procrastinated. The Commission plans to give the booklets a wide distribution once expenses are met.

The booklets, *The Scandal of Christianity*, by J. D. O'Donnell, and *Issues Among Evangelicals*, by Leroy Forlines, deal with the birth and development of the ecumenical movement and four of the basic areas of differences among evangelicals; subjects the alert pastor and layman need to keep in focus.

Offerings to help in this important work should be sent to Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, P. O. Box 343, Moore, Oklahoma 73060. Dr. O'Donnell is treasurer for the Commission.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT QUARTERLY MTG.

The Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church of Richwoods, Missouri welcomed the St. Louis District Quarterly meeting on July 26 & 27.

Friday evening, July 26, the service was conducted at 7:30. After singing and prayer, Rev. Floyd Arnold brought the message.

Saturday, July 27, a good number attended the services. Following prayer and congregational singing, the devotional, "Christian Patriotism", was given by Rev. Bill McCuin. The morning service also included reports, reading of letters, seating of Delegates, special music by Rev. Jack Stallings and morning message brought by Rev. Johnnie Peterson.

The benediction was given and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session included congregational singing, prayer, testimony time and the business.

We at Richwoods always enjoy having our friends from the cities around come to our little country church and pray that we might be a blessing to them as they surely are to us with their messages in song and word.

Reporter, Dorothy Cordia
Pastor, Rev. Esley Kronk

Report from Desoto

Dear Co-Workers:

We greet you in Jesus dear Name: Isaiah 12:4 says "And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted." How wonderful is our God unto us in all His ways. It is He who giveth richly all things to enjoy and we, the people of the Desoto church, are enjoying His wonderful blessings.

We have been having good services each time we meet together. The Holy Spirit is ever present in our midst. We have good attendance in our Sunday School;

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we now have 78 on our roll. We have had visitors lately in our services and give each one a hearty welcome.

On August 28th Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Land were with us for the day. Rev. Land brought the message at the evening service.

On September 1st Rev. and Mrs. Elsey Kronk, the Richwoods pastor, and some of the members visited with us in our evening service. Rev. Kronk brought the evening message.

We had been praying for our Building Program and God heard and answered our prayers. On August 8th, a contractor came and dug our basement and we started construction on our basement. We have the walls poured and the top underway real good. Our men of the church are doing this work.

We thank God and praise His name for what we have. We are planning, if it's the Lord's will, to move into our basement sometime in October. The people of our church have a mind to work, and we are so thankful for them all.

Our pastor, Rev. Charles Miller, and his wife Ima Lee are very precious people to all of us. They are real Christians and work very hard in the Lord's work in this community.

I must close this letter now. Pray for us! There are many lost souls in this community. We must win them to Christ.

In Christian Love,

Sister Ackerson, reporter

Brenda Berry, Assistant

EAST INDEPENDENCE REPORTS

East Independence F.W.B. Church is very thankful once again to send in more happy reports. We've been blessed again by our Lord and Saviour over the past month.

First of all, September 15 was our homecoming. We had services throughout the day. In the afternoon we had some wonderful singing. We had groups from the Victory, Beacon and Central churches. We had several visitors which we were so very thankful for. In our evening services we had communion and feet washing, and the Spirit of God was with us and everyone's heart was blessed to their very fullest.

Mrs. Peggy Davis and Mrs. Reva Prinz represented our Church at the State meeting in Joplin, Mo. Reva went as our Church State Delegate. They came back with their hearts rejoiced at all the fine works that are going on in all our churches throughout our state.

Our C.T.S. Program is going very nicely now our average for the month of August was 30, and we also had a C.T.S. Skating party with the attendance of 68. Our young people had a competition to see who could sell the most tickets. As we look around we see these kids working for the Lord, as willing as us, and it's such a great blessing. We are always thankful of these times of fellowship.

Rev. Ted Davis just completed a sign facing Highway 71 indicating where the

church is located and the time of services. We are thankful for Ted, Peggy and girls for their labor in our church and for the Lord God.

We have something else to be very, very thankful for. We have just purchased a new piano. Please pray for us.

Church Reporter

Betty Jackson

MISSOURI GENERAL FUND QUOTA

Here are some facts concerning Free Will Baptist Bible College that you should pass on to your people.

1. This is the 27th year of operation of the College.

2. Already three months of this fiscal year have passed.

3. Missouri Quota is \$10,800.

4. As of August 31, 1968, Missouri has given \$2,260.64.

5. Needed to meet quota during next nine months, \$948.82 per month or \$8,539.36 total balance.

6. Your gifts will be shared with more than 400 students who are attending this year.

7. Ten percent (10%) of your gift to this year's Quota will be placed in a student loan fund to help worthy students.

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Have I prayerfully analyzed my

church's stewardship to the College?

2. Should I plan a special College Day?

3. Is our church already a regular monthly contributor to the Bible College?

In times like these your College needs added prayer. God's leadership is so evident this year in the lives of the students.

Sincerely yours,

Paul J. Kettelman

Director of Public Relations



SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Farmington	116	129	142	160	153	147	136	140
Southside, St. Louis	109	117	133	142	120	119		
Trinity, St. Louis	117	149	156	144	134	123		122
Kirksville	109	127	136	151	142	136	124	
Grant Ave., Springfield	175	188	186	187	183	178	160	174
Viburnum Church	43	44	43	54				
Mine La Motte	17	31	27	36	36	33	38	25
KoshKonong	43	51	62	62	62	63	55	60
First, Mtn. Grove	213	277	287	287				
Desloge	74	82	90	89	92	79	86	77
First, Springfield	211	213	262	268	225			
Hannon	54	63	64	61	62	65	59	58
Leadington	112	133	156	166	146	140		120
Copper Mines	62	90	93	85	87	77	88	109
Fourth Church, St. Louis	167	183	190	176	188	132		
West Plains	162	169	176	181	166	148	115	124
First, Lebanon				92	90	113	97	
Myrtle Church	50	67	62	70	66		60	99
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		63
Grace Church	154	189	250					
Berkeley	304	346	410	370				
Thayer	102	129	129	135	124	125	132	128
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	25
Central Church	154	163	156					
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	76	77	82	86	84	85	94	

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BACK TO THE OLD LANDMARKS

Co-laborers from across the state were reminded of the great need of personally returning to the old landmarks, when they gathered at the state convention which convened August 20, 1968, at Joplin, Mo. State President, Mrs. Joanne King capably presided.

Rev. Luther Gibson, of Mountain Grove, brought the 11:00 a.m. message using the theme text Deut. 6: 11-12. He stated four landmarks to hold fast: the inspired Bible, blood atonement, repentance and daily Christian living. Mrs. Delois Loveless of Joplin, gave the morning devotional concerning the importance of cherishing the Word of God in our Christian lives. The afternoon devotional was by Mrs. Brenda Evans of St. Louis. She challenged mothers not to neglect their children and to win them to Christ in the home.

A skit "Entertaining Angels Unaware" was given by Verna Malone, Beverly Jones, Reva Prinz, Barbara Oxendine, and Hazel Hutsell. The women were asked to organize Good News Clubs in their homes. Only two of the businest were willing to give their time. Soon all were willing. God was saving souls of children who were the angels entertained unaware.

"What's in a Name?" was the name of the clever installation service used by Mrs. Braxine Evans of Springfield. She installed the 1968-1970 state officers.

At 5:30 p.m. the Indian Creek District Auxiliary Convention hosted a lovely banquet for all ladies. District President Delois Loveless was the gracious mistress of ceremonies. She introduced Rev. Reford Wilson, national foreign missions director. He spoke of the daily life and hardships of the missionary wife and mother.

An offering of \$100.00 was received in the morning service for the 1968-69 state project, the Columbia, Mo., mission. Lovely special songs were given throughout the day. 135 registered.

Mrs. Gloria Carlson
State Corresponding Secretary

S.O.S. CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

I need your HELP in compiling a current list of local and district Woman's Auxiliary officers. Please send me a list of your 1968-69 officers' names and addresses as soon as possible. This is important so your local and district officers may receive their report blanks. Also, this enables your state officers to keep you

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NEW STATE PROJECT:

"Help Build a Fort for Vandivorts"
More information coming soon.

informed of important dates, current information, and new ideas. Take time now because your auxiliary will benefit.

Mrs. Gloria Carlson
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State Corresponding Sec.

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1969 SUBSCRIPTION TIME

Do you want to have a more mission-minded church and a better informed congregation? Do you desire your auxiliary to be more active and to grow? Then I urge you to have your annual subscription campaign for the denominational periodicals.

Corresponding secretaries, this is one of your responsibilities. Do not leave a stone unturned to enlist every church member. Using current articles in prayer services and other church meetings can stimulate people's interest both to read and subscribe. Our papers are filled with current methods, Biblical challenges, and exchange of ideas. Personal contacts, posters, announcements, and contests between auxiliary members or the youth can be used to gain new subscribers. And do not forget those who might have absent-mindedly let their subscription lapse.

The church-family plan is ideal for subscribers for the CONTACT and GEM. The individual or church saves money in this budget-minded world. Perhaps you, as corresponding secretary with your pastor's



help, could be instrumental in adopting the plan in your church if it is not used. Do not overlook the possibility of gaining new auxiliary members by giving unenlisted women extra copies of the Co-Laborer.

The HEARTBEAT and MISSIONGRAMS are a real boost to our Free Will Baptist mission program. Make sure that the national mission offices have an up-to-date mailing list of your congregation. They are glad to send these periodicals free of charge.

Remember that a mission-minded church and an informed congregation will be people concerned and working to win the lost. You can help your church be a soul-winning church here and abroad by having all Free Will Baptist periodicals entering every Free Will Baptist home each month.

If you have questions or need information for your subscription campaign, I will be glad to try to assist you further.

Gloria Carlson
State Corresponding Secretary

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RESOLUTIONS FOR 1968-69

1. We recommend that we comply with the following resolutions which were accepted at the 1968 WNAC convention, which read:

#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.

#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 Commissions' ministry is also a vehicle whereby man may hear of the Saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we recommend that Auxiliaries sodesiring, 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 avail-

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able at WNAC office.

AND we further recommend that the local presidents charge the corresponding secretary to obtain the pamphlets from WNAC and give due consideration to them.

#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"

2. We recommend that we abolish the policy of sending Auxiliary Achievement Charts to the state meeting for grading, and that each Auxiliary grade their own Achievement Chart, and that we comply with the Woman's Auxiliary Manual, page 14, concerning Woman's Auxiliary achievement charts. We further recommend that due recognition will be given A-1 Auxiliaries that report on time, which is the last of May, with their annual reports.

3. We recommend that each member of the Executive Committee have an article for the Woman's Page in the GEM one month in the year as designated by the Executive Committee.

4. We recommend that the Executive committee be given the authority to appoint the Editor for the Woman's Page in the GEM.

5. We recommend that we, the State Auxiliary, give \$10.00 per month to the Mo. Youth Camp to improve bathroom facilities, funds to come from State project, and that as our State project for 1968-69 we support the Mo. State Home Mission Board and their work in the Mission in Columbia, Mo., and our slogan be: "Build a Fort for Vandivort".

6. We recommend that we have a Retreat for the women of the auxiliaries this year and that the Executive Committee make the plans.

7. We recommend the morning State Woman's Auxiliary Convention offering be applied to the Columbia, Mo. mission fund.

FIRST CHURCH - FREDERICKTOWN HOLDS INSTALLATION SERVICE

An installation service for the new officers of Woman's Auxiliary was held on Tuesday night, August 6, at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Fredericktown. Mrs. Bob King, President of Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary, conducted a candle-light ceremony in the auditorium of the church. Mrs. King read an inspiring challenge to each officer who then lit a candle and responded with "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Phillipians 4: 13. New officers are: president, Mrs. Helen Gamblin; vice-president, Mrs. Blanche Pogue; recording secretary, Mrs. Betty Baner; treasurer, Mrs. Glenda Huffman; missions chairman, Mrs. Pansy Hale; study course chairman, Mrs. Edith McCormack; program prayer chairman, Mrs. Arpha Slinkard; personal service-evangelism chairman, Mrs. Easter Graham; song leader,
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Mrs. Lula Freeland.

All of us were made aware of the need of prayer, more missionaries and funds for missions after a report on our national convention by Mrs. King.

After the business meeting our program-prayer chairman, Mrs. Arpha Slinkard, presented the program on Mexico. Members of the Auxiliary gave the topics using material things of Mexico in comparison with the need for spiritual things for the souls of Mexico.

Mrs. Pansy Hale, our missions chairman, gave us a report on Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Aguirre, our new missionaries to Mexico.

Mrs. Betty Baner
Corresponding Secretary

\$10.00 FOR ALASKA

The Berkeley Woman's Aux. had their monthly meeting Wednesday night, Sept. 4. They decided to send \$10.00 to Anchorage, Alaska. They had a skit on "Let Your Future Count for Jesus". Project 500 was discussed and thought upon. Our song for the month - "So Send I You", was sung by Emma Hogan and Virginia Couchman.

The meeting was closed by singing "The More we Give to Missions". Pray that our auxiliary will be come more missions minded.

Corresponding Secretary
Verna Smith

MYRTLE AUX. GAINING MEMBERS

The Myrtle Freewill Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, September 3 at 7:30 at the church with nine members present for the Co-Laborer lesson. The meeting was opened by singing "Send the Light" and prayer was led by Sis. Reed. President, Sis. Carlson took charge. Minutes were read and approved. The President gave some pointers and instructions on filling in the achievement charts. It was voted to send Bro. Willey Sr. a shower of get well cards.

A discussion was held about some things that might be done to help spread the Gospel of Jesus so more of the unsaved might hear and know. It was voted to order gospel tracts to hand out or leave in convenient places where unsaved people might read them. Plans were made also to attend the District Workshop held with the Thayer Auxiliary, Sept. 7.

After business session, program chairman, Sister Contrell presented the lesson "Except They Be Sent". Scripture reading, Call to Prayer: Rom. 10: 13-15 given by Elenor Wisehart. Topics given by Rosalee Reed, Mamie Crase, and Geneva Sorrell. We learned from this lesson that there is something we all can do to help spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are still gaining ground--we had another new member added to our auxiliary recently, Mrs. Blanche Wisehart, and "to God be the Glory".

Corresponding Secretary,
M. Crase

FOOD SHOWER FOR PASTOR

The Woman's Auxiliary of Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met at the church September 3 at 7:30 p.m. with 16 members and two visitors present. Meeting was called to order by the President, Sister Gay Combs, with group singing "So Send I You". Prayer by Sister Elzie Webb. Sister Clara Allen gave the scripture reading from Romans 10.

The program, "Except They Be Sent" was presented by Sister Barbara Cox, Sister Fern Hickenbotham and Sister Elsie Worel.

After the program the business session was conducted by Sister Gay Combs. Good reports were given by each officer. Sister Lavern Hayes and Sister Jo Pingleton gave a report of the state meeting. A special offering of \$14.75 was given for WNAC general fund. Each Auxiliary member is to give \$1.00 for Student Loan Fund. The Missions Chairman gave a report of our Woman Program and told of the offering received of \$23.63.

A surprise food shower was given the pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Grover Pingleton. Following a dismissal prayer, Sister Fern Hickenbotham, refreshments were enjoyed in the fellowship hall.

Corresponding Secretary
Helen Underwood

VIBURNUM WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Viburnum Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on Tuesday night, Sept. 10, with seven members and four visitors present. Members present were Helen Talley, Betty Ogle, Christine Pinkley, Vivian Miller, Virginia Pirtle, Betty Ferrell, and Sue Morris. Visitors were Ruth Limbaugh, Darlinda Morris, Randy and Felicia Miller.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Betty Ferrell. The Missionary lesson, "Except They be Sent" was read and discussed by all under the leadership of our President, Sis. Sue Morris. The needs and circumstances of different missionaries were discussed with emphasis put on remembering them in prayer. The scripture Romans 10: 13-15 was read by Sis. Christine Pinkley.

Since we only meet once a month the Circle Program for September, "Underneath the Everlasting Arms" was read and discussed. Although these days are times of fast living with testing and temptations on every hand we have God by our side if we will only call upon Him. He never forgets or forsakes us. It is we ourselves who go astray as a result of not living close enough to Him.

The Secretary's report was given with no corrections made. Since the treasury was not at the meeting no report was given. (We missed you, Odessa). The women decided they would bring their old sheets, dissect them and roll bandages for Lorene Miley to use in their clinic. Meeting was dismissed with prayer by Ruth Limbaugh.

NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS

Home and Foreign

NEWS FROM THE
J. MARK VANDIVORT FAMILY

Columbia, Mo.
September, 1968

Dear Fellow Missourian:

I believe every Free Will Baptist in Missouri has reason to be interested in a Free Will Baptist church in Columbia. This year, or sometime in the future, there will be Free Will Baptist students from your area among the 20,000 at the University of Missouri. How I wish there had been a Free Will Baptist church here when I was a student twelve years ago. I have learned of several of my Free Will Baptist schoolmates who now have responsible jobs in their Missouri communities and serve in key positions in churches of other denominations. Most of these individuals would probably be Free Will Baptist today if there had been a church in Columbia.

There are Free Will Baptist families becoming permanent residents of Columbia each year. Our church must be established with permanent residents of Columbia each year. Our church must be established with permanent residents in order to be of service to the student population.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

I would like to encourage you to read my article in the September GEM which describes how we have obtained an excellent building site for the Columbia Free Will Baptist Church. Our property is located two miles south of the University of Missouri campus at the corner of Rock Quarry Road and Old AC Highway. Rock Quarry Road extends south from College Avenue. We are about three-fourths of a mile north of AC Highway which runs east and west between U.S. 63 and Highway K. The new Highway 763 extending south from Business 70 is scheduled for construction past our property. We invite you to stop by and see our building site when you come to Columbia. You can follow the signs for New Moon Trailer sales which is adjacent to our property.

Our property has a house in liveable condition and a large garage that we are remodeling for a temporary chapel. We conducted our first Bible study and prayer meeting on August 15 with twelve present. Three ladies from Mississippi and Tennessee have moved to Columbia to help us with our new church. Two Free Will Baptist families will soon be moving to the area and we are expecting to hear from them.

WHAT CAN YOU DO!

1. Pray that new families can be won to Jesus Christ.

2. Please prayerfully consider the enclosed faith promise card. As soon as enough individuals and churches indicate their monthly commitment toward our account, I can give full attention to our ministry here in Columbia.

3. Please return the enclosed questionnaire to the above address if you know about any students or families in Columbia.

PARENTS and PASTORS, you can help if you encourage your friends or relatives in Columbia to call (Phone 449-7041) or visit us. We are planning a full schedule of services soon after school starts.

In His service,
J. Mark Vandivort

MISSOURI HERITAGE

Mark and Louise Vandivort are native Missourians. They have a deep-rooted heritage in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Mark's maternal great, great grandfather, Rev. Fleming Scott, born

QUESTIONNAIRE:
RESIDENTS & STUDENTS - COLUMBIA
Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

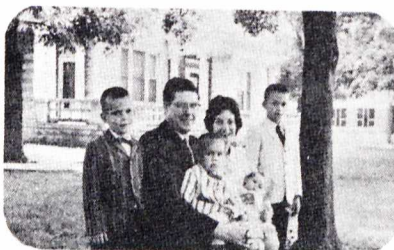
1819, was among the first generation of Missouri Free Will Baptist ministers. The First Free Will Baptist church in Missouri was established in 1843 by a home missionary from New Hampshire. Mark's maternal grandfather, Rev. George W. Scott, was a well-known Free Will Baptist minister in Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Several members of the Scott family are serving in the ministry and others are serving as influential Free Will Baptist laymen.

Mark grew up in the home of a rural Free Will Baptist pastor, Rev. Herbert Vandivort, of Route 2, Cabool, Missouri. Mark's parental grandfather, William

Church Extension--Columbia, Missouri

The Mark Vandivort Family

	Birthday
Mark	July 3
Louise	Oct. 23
Philip	May 31
Stephen	Jan. 5
Bethany	April 4
Andy	Feb. 22



"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

PRAY FOR

Prayer Requests

- Good health and spiritual strength
- Faithfulness in witnessing
- Open doors to men's hearts (Col. 4:3)
- Salvation of souls—maturity of converts
- Daily guidance that we might glorify Him

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

Columbia, Missouri, is a key city located midway between St. Louis and Kansas City on Interstate 70. It is the location of the 20,000 student University of Missouri campus. The main economic interest of the city is schools, hospitals, and insurance companies.

God has given the Vandivort family a burden for a three-phase ministry (1) to establish a self-supporting Free Will Baptist church, (2) contact all Free Will Baptist students on the University of Missouri campus, (3) seek to evangelize and train in discipleship some of the international students at the University of Missouri.

Please send offerings for the Vandivort account to

Missouri State Mission Board
Reverend Dale Skiles, 1131 N. Garfield, West Plains, Missouri 65775

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in '68

SEND YOUR

THANKSGIVING OFFERING NOW

National Home Missions
Reverend Homer E. Willis, Director
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Vandivort, was instrumental in helping establish the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Route #2, Cabool, Missouri. Several of his children and grandchildren are influential Christian laymen.

Louise's family has been influenced by the Free Will Baptist church for many years. Her mother, Mrs. Bessie Underwood, resides at Route 3, Fredericktown, Missouri. Louise's father, Medford Underwood (deceased), was a Missouri lead miner and a member of the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown, Missouri.

Mark will not be a stranger in Columbia, as he lived in the city as a student and graduated from the University of Missouri. Louise graduated from Southeast Missouri State College in Cape Girardeau. Mark and Louise met at the 1959 National Association in Asheville, North Carolina. Before beginning their ministry with the Board of Home Missions, they studied Bible at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. (The Vandivort's ministry is jointly sponsored by the National Board of Home Missions and the Missouri State Mission Board.)

DONATIONS FROM STATE OF MISSOURI

Overland FWB	25.00
Fourth FWB	14.62
Fourth FWB	56.38
Leslie L. Hanson	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dempsey Matthews	5.00
Mrs. Zesta Whitehead	1.00
Floyd Green	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs	5.00
Glenn E. Thurston	40.00
Myrtle FWB	5.00
Victory FWB	46.93
New Home FWB	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vencie Long	5.00
Womans Aux., Overland	5.00
Cooperative Plan	235.55
First FWB	20.00

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Leadington FWB	4.00
Willow Springs FWB	10.00
First FWB	15.00
New Rock Springs FWB	24.00
First FWB	20.00
Mtn. Grove FWB (Circle)	5.00
Rock Chapel Church	22.01
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Long	10.00
Festus FWB	31.38
Mtn. Grove FWB (Circle)	2.00
Central FWB	13.57
Mrs. Leslie L. Hanson	10.00
Coon Creek FWB	34.61
Myrtle FWB	5.00
South Side FWB	1.00
Mo. State Home Mission Board	433.33
Mo. State Home Mission board	325.00
Total Gifts	\$1,482.38

Editor's Note: There are several First Free Will Baptist Churches listed but there were no cities listed with them on the list I received. Sorry.

MISSOURI FOREIGN MISSIONS GIFTS

Alton FWB	\$ 14.32
Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Lowground FWB, Novinger	5.00
Fourth FWB, St. Louis	10.00
Young Adult Class, Leadington FWB	33.67
Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Hannon FWB, Liberal	23.50
Rev. T. O. Hutchison, Neosho	1.00
Floyd Green, Lees Summit	45.00
FWB, Berkeley	147.50
Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
"A Friend"	161.00
Merl's Chapel Church, Cassville	15.56
Beacon FWB, Raytown	5.00
Victory FWB, Avondale	20.00
Verdella FWB, Liberal	10.00
Myrtle FWB	37.00
Pleasant Grove FWB, Anderson	35.19
First FWB, Neosho	10.00
D.V.B.S. & FWB, Mtn. Grove	50.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB, Alton	3.41
Garfield Sunday School	20.00

Houston FWB	10.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB, Urbana	12.80
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Twin City Aux., Festus	40.00
New Harmony Sunday School, Greentop	28.90
Cooperative Plan of Support	396.84
First FWB Aux., Lebanon	4.00
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	35.00
Central Western Mo. Ass'n.	71.56
Victory FWB, Avondale	46.93
Calvery FWB, Niangua	20.00
Overland FWB Aux.	5.00
Union Grove SS & Church, Norwood	28.00
Oak Grove FWB, Cabool	14.00
Alton FWB	13.41
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Milford House, Gower	5.00
FWB, Farmington	13.00
Leadington FWB	4.00
Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
New Rock Springs FWB, Cabool	32.00
Rev. Lester C. Jones, Marshall	5.00
Twin Oak FWB, Fredericktown	50.00
First FWB, Springfield	69.36
Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
First FWB, Mtn. Grove	133.00
W. T. Coleman, Berkeley	20.00
Cuba FWB	23.36
Mrs. Lee Bunton, Liberal	10.00
Rev. Clarence R. Mays, St. Ann	35.00
W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Raytown	10.00
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Low Ground FWB, Novinger	5.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	22.50
Parkview FWB, Desloge	45.00
Central FWB, Kansas City	40.72
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Gilbert Fortney, Springfield	5.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	5.40
George Martin, Springfield	5.00
Myrtle FWB	37.00
Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	91.00
TOTAL	\$2,150.93

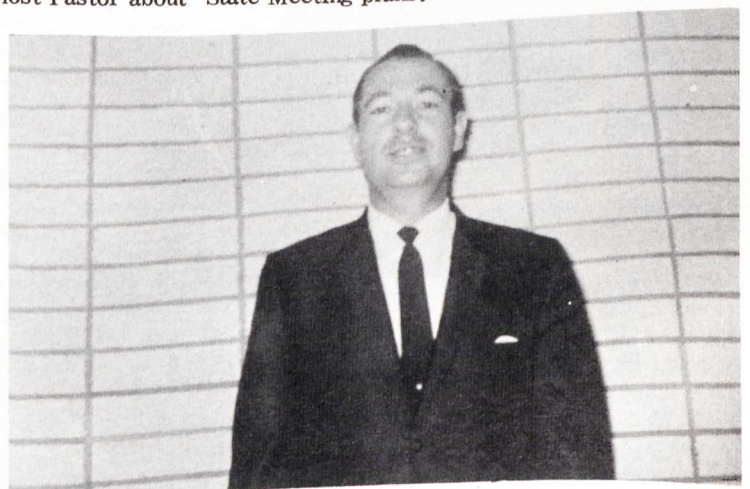
PICTURES OF THE STATE MEETING



Moderator and Assistant Moderator talk to Host Pastor about State Meeting plans.



General Board at work



Bro. Dale Jones, Lebanon, Keynote speaker Tuesday night.

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Bro. Matthes directs the business.



Bro. Andy Lay takes down the minutes.



Bro. Reford Wilson brings to us a missionary challenge.



Bro. Charley Hoover, Hannon, and Bro. James McAllister, Kansas City, accept plaques for their churches. These two were the leading churches giving to State Home Missions.



Bro. Dale Skiles gives state home mission report.



Bro. Frank Giunta challenges each one during his devotion.



Bro. Mark Vandivort tells about his work in Columbia.



Sis. Barbara Oxendine works on registration.



STATE OFFICERS, Left to right, Andy Lay, clerk; Woodrow Matthews, moderator; Tom Malone, assistant moderator; Alton Loveless, assistant clerk.

PAIN PILLS



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SLEEPING TABLETS



Now, I don't know much about medicine, but it is easy to see that we are living in a pill age. When I was a boy, one of our main medicines was quinine. It was supposed to be good for just about anything that was wrong with you, sort of a cure-all. Of course, we know it wouldn't cure everything, but there was one thing for which it was a sure cure. It would cure a person from playing off sick to get out of work.

Today people take pills to sleep, and pills to keep them from sleeping. They take pills to cure (or try to cure) almost all diseases, and they take pills just to relieve the pain.

We would like to consider a few things about pain pills and sleeping tablets.

First let's consider the pain pills. They may range from the mild aspirin tablet to very strong pain relieving pills, but they all have one thing in common: they never cure anything. They only relieve or deaden the pain, and that only temporary. Pain is a warning that there is something wrong and needs attention. We need something that will cure the cause of the pain, but if we don't get something to cure the cause, we begin to take something to relieve pain. Anytime a person is suffering real bad he begins to want to do something to relieve the pain, even if it is only temporary, so usually he begins to take pain pills. The one thing I want us to remember

is that pain pills only relieve the pain and that only temporary. It takes something different to cure the cause of the pain.

With this in mind I want us to consider some spiritual pain pills that people take to relieve spiritual pain.

God has placed inside the human being a guide that we call conscience. It is there to guide us in the right way. When we do wrong the conscience begins to hurt. That is a warning that there is something wrong and needs attention. When the conscience begins to hurt, we begin to want to do something to relieve the pain. Many times, instead of taking the real cure that will cure the conscience people begin taking pain pills to relieve the pain.

The first pain pill I want us to consider is "Everybody makes mistakes." With a guilty conscience it is some relief to think that others also do wrong so people begin to relieve the pain of a guilty conscience with this thought. But remember there is no cure in this pill, but only temporary relief. The Bible does say, "For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." Rom. 3: 23, and "There is none righteous, no not one." Rom. 3: 10, but the Bible also says that God "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17: 30b and that, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13: 5. The Bible also says "For we must all

appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in the body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." II Cor. 5: 10. So we see here that the bitter pill of repentance is the only cure for a guilty conscience. Other pills are only pain relievers.

After a person continues in sin for a while, and continues taking pain pill No. 1, it begins to lose its ability to deaden the pain, so he needs a little stronger pain pill.

Let's now consider pain pill No. 2. Pain pill No. 2 is for relieving a guilty conscience. "That's not as bad as so and so did." People like to look at the sins and failures of other people (usually the worst they can find) and then compare themselves with someone else and say, "I am just as good or better than him," so they ease the pain of a guilty conscience with this thought. Here, too, we find that this is only a pain reliever, and not a cure. We will not be judged in comparison to what someone else has done, but we will be judged by our own obedience to the Bible. The bitter pill of repentance is still the only cure.

As a person continues in sin, and continues taking pills No. 1 and No. 2, they begin to lose their power to ease a guilty conscience, so he begins to take the more

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powerful pain pill No. 3.

Pain pill No. 3 is "Everybody else is doing it." People seem to think sin is not so bad if they can say, "Everybody else is doing it," and this seems to ease a guilty conscience. Of course this is an exaggeration because everyone else is not doing it, but probably many others are doing the same thing, and people like to excuse themselves this way. Regardless of how many people are committing a sin that doesn't make it right. That is just another pain pill to relieve the aching conscience, temporarily. Regardless of what others do, the Lord's commands still stand, and when broken, God still requires repentance as the only cure.

As the person continues in sin, and these pain pills begin to lose their ability to ease the guilty conscience, he begins to take a still stronger pain pill.

Let's now consider pain pill No. 4 which is "It was justifiable due to circumstances." I don't find where Christ ever had to do wrong because of circumstances. He was tired and tested about every way that could be thought of, but he never had to do wrong. I find where Paul was persecuted, beaten, and driven from one city to another, but I don't find where he had to do wrong. God pity the person who allows circumstances to rule his life. This is just another pain pill to ease the guilty conscience. The only real cure that has ever been found or ever will be found is the bitter pill of repentance. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish".

Now that we have considered pain pills, let's give a little consideration to sleeping tablets. Their affect is similar to that of pain pills, except they are used under different conditions, and for a different purpose. We are living in a very busy world, and under quite a nerve strain. The tension on the nervous system becomes so great that sometimes it is hard to relax and go to sleep. Sleeping tablets help relax the nerves and allow a person to go to sleep. Here again we find that sleeping tablets do not remove the strain on the nervous system but only give temporary relief. I would like to make another spiritual comparison here.

A person goes to church on Sunday morning and the preacher preaches about some of his sins that he is committing. He doesn't sleep well that night so he says, "I don't like that preacher so I am just not going back to church." This is sleeping tablet No. 1; he quits church. Soon he is beginning to sleep spiritually, but he hasn't cured the cause. The only real cure is to accept God's word and live by it.

Sleeping tablet No. 2 that I want us to consider is "quit reading the Bible". When a person reads the Bible it begins to cut. It is sharper than a two-edged sword. With this sword of the Spirit gouging him he can't sleep, so he quits reading the Bible. Again we find that this is no cure, but only temporary relief.

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The next sleeping tablet I would like to mention is "Stop praying". After a person stops going to church, and quits reading the Bible, it just comes natural to stop praying. This is sleeping tablet No. 3.

After taking sleeping tablets No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, there is one more sleeping tablet that he must take if he is to have a sound spiritual sleep. Sleeping tablet No. 4 is "change company". That church crowd just gets on his nerves and he just can't sleep. They think he should quit his sins, and he isn't willing to give them up, so he changes crowds. Again we find this is no cure for the conditions, but only temporary relief.

Now let's consider a few things here. Suppose you were sick, and went to a doctor, and he told you, "I can cure you of this sickness, or I can give you some temporary relief with pain pills and sleeping tablets," which would you choose? I am sure everyone of you would say, "Doctor, I want you to cure me." Well, the Lord Jesus Christ offers you a cure for your sins through repentance, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, or you can have some temporary relief (without any cure) through these pain pills and sleeping tablets I have just mentioned. Which are you going to choose. I am sure that if you are as concerned about the spiritual life as you are about the physical life, you will choose the cure rather than temporary relief. You should be more concerned about the spiritual than the physical, since the physical body will only live a short while, but the spiritual body will live forever. "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve." "Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

(Editor's Note: I do not know who wrote this. If you know, please tell me so I can acknowledge them.)

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tiles until God opened his eyes and heart through the vision recorded in Acts 10. Can we really fulfill the work of a personal evangelist when we ignore certain houses along the street or certain sections of the city because of color, creed, or social economic class? I personally find myself negligent in witnessing to the total strata of our society. I certainly believe that we are held accountable before God to make an effort to win lost men everywhere. Can we honestly testify with the apostle Paul, "For the love of Christ constraineth us"?¹⁶

I believe that we have a tendency in evangelism to categorize people as Catholics, Mormons, WCC, NCC, etc. We find literature directed toward people in various categories of religious thought and background. This is good and helpful, but I feel that it is very important that we do not have such a broad view of the forest that we can not make an intent study of the individual. Regardless of the category in which we find people or the background from which they have come, we must treat

people as individuals for whom Christ died and have a love and concern for them as individual persons.

One day Jesus met Zacchaeus, a hated tax collector, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house."¹⁷ Perhaps for the first time in his life Zacchaeus found himself being treated as a real person and not just as a hated tax collector. His life was transformed. I believe that Jesus saw Mary Magdalene not only as one who was devil possessed, but as a woman in need of genuine love and forgiveness unto salvation.

Nicodemus was a member of a religious order that perhaps could be compared with some of the religious orders of our day. I believe Jesus saw Nicodemus as a man with an open heart for the truth.

Is any place in the world too difficult to do the work of an evangelist? Perhaps we should consider the city of Jerusalem. In our day a city similar to Jerusalem would be considered a most difficult area in which to witness. Jerusalem was the place where the religious leaders had just crucified Jesus Christ! Yet here a few Galileans preached the gospel in the power of the Spirit and multitudes were saved. It was in this same city that God gave Stephen the strength to die for his faith. I do not believe that we find any place too difficult or any people completely unreachable for men who are Spirit-filled and sent by God to do the work of an evangelist.

1. Gospel of John, chapter 14, verse 2.
2. Gospel of John, chapter 14, verse 12.
3. Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, verse 8.
4. Epistle of II Corinthians, chapter 5, verse 18.
5. Epistle of II Corinthians, chapter 5, verse 19.
6. Epistle of I Thessalonians, chapter 2, verses 7 and 8.
7. Epistle of Philippians, chapter 4, verse 9.
8. Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28, verse 20.
9. Epistle of II Timothy, chapter 2, verse 2.
10. Gospel of John, chapter 15, verse 16.
11. Acts of the Apostles, chapter 8, verse 31.
12. Epistle of Romans, chapter 10, verse 1.
13. Twelfth Annual Conference Evangelical Literature Overseas, 1963, pp. 138-140.
14. Epistle of II Timothy, chapter 1, verse 12b.
15. Gospel of Luke, chapter 19, verse 10.
16. Epistle of II Corinthians, chapter 5, verse 14.
17. Gospel of Luke, chapter 19, verse 5.

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Each Wednesday we are quilting in the church basement. We hope the women who can't quilt will come and roll bandages and enjoy the fellowship with us. There is a job and need for all. Have

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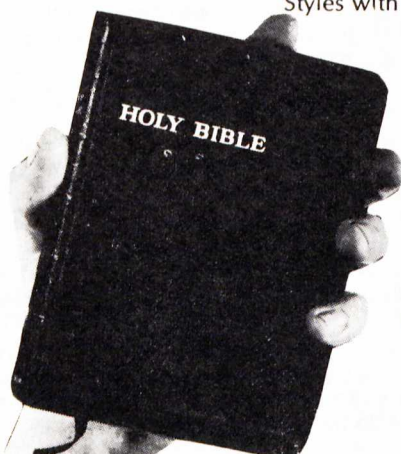
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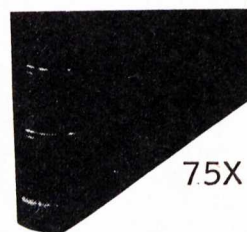
19 And the basons, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; that which was of gold in gold, and that which was of silver in silver, took the captain of the guard away.

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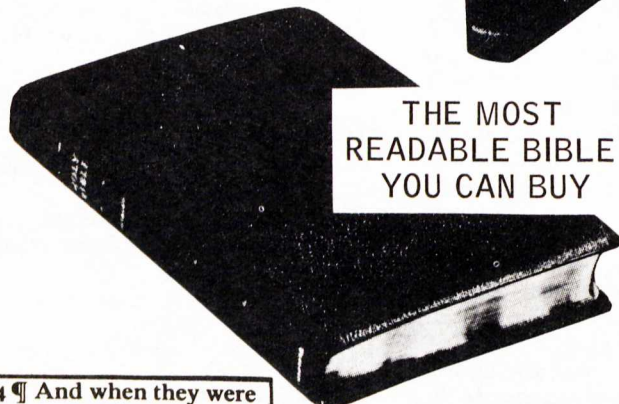
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you found yours??? Remember our Auxiliary and our church in your prayers.

Betty Ferrell
Corresponding Secretary

STUDY COURSE AT FOURTH CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary, Fourth Church had a Study Course on Aug. 26. The study was on youth and the guest speaker was Sis. Louise Vandivort. Sis. Louise had many things to say on teaching our children each day about God's Word. She explained how she uses memory verses in teaching her children. It is surprising how children can use those same verses to help us in our problems too. There was an offering of \$26.00 dollars taken for the Vandivorts. There was 17 ladies present, and the Study Course was very inspiring to all. Please pray for the Vandivort's as they begin their new work in Columbia, Mo. Remember our Auxiliary in Prayer as we seek the Lord's will in our lives.

Corresponding Secretary,
Marge Hurston

PROJECT BEGAN!

The monthly meeting of Overland Ladies Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, Sept. 3 in the church basement. After the call to order by Vice-president, Elsey Graham, the opening song, "Tell It to Jesus Alone" was led by Sis. Gloria Berry and the opening prayer by Sis. Betty Renner. Fourteen members were present. Minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. The offering was then collected.

As there was no old business the new business was undertaken. This consisted primarily of selecting a new missionary family to aid with funds and prayers. The group decided on the Mack Owens family of home missionaries.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned. Those to be in the Emphasis Month program to be held Sept. 8 practiced for this. All remaining members got the ball rolling on our newest project--bandages made from old sheets for the Miley family. We surely received a blessing out of "Working together with God" to help out one of our missionary families. We completed a good hours work and closed with prayer by Sis. Norma Buie.

Workers in Christ,
Lois Buie
Corresponding Secretary

PROJECT COMPLETED!

The Overland Ladies Auxiliary has just completed a tupperware project. Why tupperware? Well, we heard that our missionaries like this type of plastic ware because they have to go a long distance to buy some food items and these tupperware containers keep foods like sugar, flour, coffee, small left-over servings, lettuce, pasteries, juices etc. fresher longer.

We sold over \$400.00 worth of Tupperware and received 20% of our sales in the Tupperware itself. This approximately \$100.00 worth of Tupperware was taken to our mission provision closet in Nashville. Thus, our missionaries when home on furlough, can select the items they need.

We surely enjoyed this project and are looking forward to starting another real soon.

Worker in Christ,
Lois Buie,
Corresponding Secretary

\$15.00 FOR STUDENT LOAN FUND

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of West Plains, Mo. met Sept. 3 for their regular meeting with ten members and two visitors present. We began our meeting with an alter prayer lead by Pastor Dale Skiles. Scripture reading from Rom. 10: 13-15 by Vice-president Eudene Adkisson.

Opening song was "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". All officers reports were given and accepted. Sister Elaine Skiles was elected Personal Service Ch. to fill the place vacant by Sister Johnson.

Study Course on "Christian Living" set for Oct. 11. Pink and Blue Shower for Mrs. Dorothy Griffin was set for Friday, Sept. 12.

We voted to send \$15.00 to the Student Loan Fund. It was also voted to buy a heater and wash and clean basement walls. We are also going to order Christmas cards.

Our business meeting was closed with prayer by Sister Skiles.

Program Prayer Ch. Effie Lou Moss took charge of the Co-Labor Program. The topics were given by Sisters Addie Adkisson, Effie Lou Moss, Elaine Skiles and then a skit "Let Your Future Count for Jesus" was given by Eudine Adkisson, Addie Adkisson, Hattie Sims, Ella Mae Stephens and Ruth Robertson.

Plans were also made for our district workshop at Thayer Sept. 7.

We prayerfully urge all Christian women to get into your church auxiliary and let your "future count for Jesus".

Pray for us,
Hattie Sims
Corresponding Secretary

BERKELEY WOMANS AUXILIARY

Focus on Womans Auxiliary program was presented on Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Congregational and woman's auxiliary choir led by Jerri Mullens opened the service. Announcements, opening remarks and prayer by our Pastor, Rev. Burton. Opening remarks by our Vice-President, Vivian Stewart. Special choir number by the Woman's Auxiliary Choir. Special music by the Girls Trio. Officers introduced by our president. Each gave their duties. Focus on Woman's Auxiliary

given by President Geraldine Plummer, and closing remarks by our Pastor, Rev. Burton.

Corresponding Secretary,
Verna Smith

AUXILIARY GIVES PASTOR GIFT

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Mo. met for their monthly meeting Sept. 4 at the church with 20 members and three visitors present. Visitors were Mrs. Russell Jones, Mrs. Grover Null Jr. and Mrs. Carol Kisinger. Opening hymn "God Will Take Care of You". Prayer was offered by Dorothy Myers. Secretary and treasurer's reports were given. The mission chairman, Mrs. Beth Florence ask each member to make bandages for our missionaries in Africa, Dr. and Mrs. Lavern Miley.

The lesson scripture was ready by Mrs. Janell Walters from Romans 10, 13-15 and then a skit was presented by Mrs. Jean Bowman, Mrs. Freida Hays, Mrs. Beth Florence, Mrs. Mary Officer and Miss Fay McElroy. The Auxiliary President, Mrs. Farron Jones presented a gift to the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kisinger and also a birthday gift was presented to the pastor, Rev. Dale Jones from the Auxiliary and the young people of the church.

The Auxiliary was dismissed with an alter of prayer for the sick and the missionaries on foreign soil, cake, coffee, and punch was served to each one present.

Corresponding secretary,
Gladys Montgomery



SOUTHSIDE INSTALLATION

Recently at Southside, we had an installation of our Auxiliary officers. The program was made very interesting by Bro. Wm. Evans, our pastor; as he applied each office to likenesses of specific rivers.

The office of the president is like the Mississippi River, "the father of waters". This river borders on ten states, and has many tributaries. Her work may not cover so much territory, but it will lead to many places. Her tributaries will be as many as the Auxiliary members. The Mississippi must be dredged often

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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

In August I attended one day or more in the annual district associations as follows: Central Western Missouri, Indian Creek, Mission, Southeast Missouri, and one day in the Union Association, plus our Missouri State Association held in Joplin Free Will Baptist Church. I also attended Liberty Quarterly Meeting August 31 which was held at the Amnity Church.

I was privileged to promote the Cooperative Plan of support and deliver one sermon in each of the following churches: Belton, East Independence, Copper Mines, Twin City, O'Fallon, Neosho, Liberty, and Friendship Free Will Baptist Church. Belton gave an offering to the Cooperative Fund. May the Lord bless each of forty-four churches contributing this month. Please observe the 1968 allocation of the Cooperative funds, in my report. The suggested quota for 1968-1969 is \$46,000.00. Brethren, let's rally and adopt this systematic plan hasten this gospel message at home and to regions beyond.

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Eldorado First	July	9.06
Olivette	July	68.66
Hannon	July	53.00
Victory	July	146.89
Merl's Chapel	July	28.65
Granby	July	12.00
Cope FWB	July	15.82
Willow Springs	July	61.94
Lebanon First	July	80.00
Mine La Motte	July	11.41

Mt. Pisgah	July	19.50
Cabool	July	40.60
Grant Ave.	July	186.78
West Plains, Bethel	July	40.00
Beacon	July	119.62
Carterville	July	15.31
Smyrna FWB S.S.	July	30.00
Pleasant Home	July	18.10
Mt. Grove	July	212.25
New Harmony S.S.	July	5.97
Salem	July	20.00
Desota	July	38.40
Hickory Grove	July	23.25
Farmington	July	126.47
Cooper Mines	Aug.	63.33
Leadington	Aug.	145.00
Thayer	Aug.	48.71
Faith & Hope	Aug.	12.00
Grant Ave.	Aug.	191.20
O'Fallon	Aug.	32.33
Rock Chapel	Aug.	24.96
Monett	Aug.	109.26
Cabool	Aug.	42.93
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Eldorado First	Aug.	8.44
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Mt. Pisgah	Aug.	21.00
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West Plains, Bethel	Aug.	50.00
Fellowship	Aug.	50.00
Willow Springs	Aug.	58.13
Berkley	Aug.	252.47
Marshfield	Aug.	2.00
Beacon	Aug.	108.16
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Harry Beatty, Treasurer

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to clear the channel. The president, too, may have obstacles which block the channels. She may need the dredging of prayer. The work of the vice president is like that of the Missouri River. It is the longest of waterways. Her work may seem endless. She must discover her powers, to exploit them for Christ.

The task of the recording secretary is like the Platte River. This river is very rocky, its chief use is for irrigation. Her way may be filled with stones, yet the proper keeping of records will serve as irrigation for the Auxiliary projects.

The job of corresponding secretary is like the Colorado River. This river is 2,000 miles long; asher arm: must be the arm of contact will reach much futher. Her letters will travel through gloom and bring sunshine. Her contact will help missionaries overcome the power of Satan.

The treasurer's office is similar to Lake Superior, the largest of the Great Lakes. Her office is the highest of treasuries, since it is the source of income. Her office is a success only as each member gives.

The mission chairman's work will portray the Amazon. It's the largest river in the world. So too, is the spreading of the Gospel. She must flood the hearts of these women with the urgent "go, give, and pray".

The job of the study course chairman is liek Crater's Lake in Oregon. It receives all its water from rain, melting snow, and small springs. The recourses for this job are from above. Her job is to, by study of the things from above, strengthen and extend each member.

The program prayer chairman has a job like the Nile. The Nile is the longest river in the world. Her job will go furthest in marking the program interesting and useful. She must remember that programs charged with the power of heaven will create effective witness and a good base for world evangelism.

The work of personal service evangelism chairman is well illustrated by Tennessee River. This river has many dams and produces much electricity. Her work with people does likewise. To light the way in darkness.

The Ohio best illustrates the work of social chairman. The Ohio proceeds on an even course. Her work, too, must remain constant. She must make every social project a spiritual project; for fun, fellowship, and co-operation unto all rivelets of life.

Our officers pictured above are as follows, from left to right: president, Lillie Tallent; vice president, Bessie Baldwin; recording secretary, Dee Stacy; corresponding secretary, Hilda Turnbough (standing in for Nancy Ferguson, who was absent); treasurer, Ina Cruse; missions chairman, Sue Winchester; study course chairman, Lucille Beatty; personal service evangelism chairman, Brenda Evans; social chairman, Vitress Kellerman; program prayer chairman, Sue Winchester (she holds two offices)

Nancy Ferguson

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