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Bud Hill

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Is it important what others think
of ME? or YOU?

WHY?

Ned Templeton
Collinsville, Ill.

We are created to glorify God (Isaiah 43:7). The human body is the most complicated and the most important of all God's creation. It contains the soul that will live throughout eternity and is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1st. Cor. 6:15-20).

Matt. 5:13-16 tells us that we are the light of the world. Many others will never see the light of God's plan of salvation except through our lives.

It also tells us "We are the salt of the earth". You have *tasted* food without salt and it is very revolting. Salt is also used to *preserve food*, and is an essential ingredient for homemade ice cream. Can you imagine what a mess this world would really be in if Christianity with it's influence were removed?

Then it does really matter and should be of great concern to each individual who professes to be a Christian. Our life is the *only Bible* many folks read; *At work*, someone is watching our every move, good or bad; *at home* that unsaved wife or husband, those children that God blessed your home with are watching you. Are you willing for them to do everything you do? Children want to walk in parents' steps (sometimes uncles' and aunts', too) or big brother's and big sister's. So it is very important what others think.

Everyone is an example to someone. How well I remember some of the habits of grown-ups; habits that I could hardly wait to imitate. *Smoking* of course is usually the first one. I have seen children just idolize grown-ups and

watch the smoke roll from the mouth and nostrils. Is that what you want your child to do like you? Wouldn't it be much better if that memory could be praying or Bible reading? Give them a vision worth remembering and associating you with. The kind of *speech* we use is important if we are to effectively represent Christ. Little children, like little pitchers, have big ears. Not only the children but that person we work with day after day, note our speech habits when conditions are not always as easy as when we are at church. Even the church business meetings test us at times.

The way we *dress* is very important. The Bible teaches us to do all things in decency and order. Should the Lord suddenly appear, would we have to change clothes before we greeted Him? We should LOOK like a Christian; we should SMELL like a Christian; we should ACT like a Christian.

Unfortunately, it is true that churches, like minority groups, are often judged by the image projected by their least desirable members. But our actions speak louder than words, and every minute we represent Christ behooves each of us to give our very best to "living for Jesus".

The Lord did not save any one just to sit down and do nothing. There is a job for each and every born-again child of God. Just like a watch, each little part has its place and duty to perform no other part can substitute for it. Neither can it do its job if it is clogged up with dirt and foreign matter.

So let us examine ourselves and confess our sins one to another. Get in tune with God so He can use us for the purpose for which we were created -- to glorify Him.

If it is important what others think, let us study to show ourselves approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.



WAKE UP AMERICA

Lucille V. Beatty

I AM CONCERNED that so many of the American people are unaware of what is really going on in our great United States today. Even our people in power seem to be floundering around seeking an answer to the ever increasing chaos.

Some feel that education and more public works are the answer. These are not effective because there is a missing link which is indispensable. Without that link all the high-minded impulses to legislate, to educate, and to reform become sounding brass.

That missing link is love, and only God can supply a feeling of love and understanding for one another.

Man by nature is contaminated with an unconquerable human greed, and we as a nation are growing farther from God's plan for our lives. We took prayer out of schools to avoid treading on someone's civil rights and have exchanged it for rioting and destruction of our institutions. Where do civil rights start and stop? One of the chief cornerstones our republic was built upon was the idea "that every person should have complete freedom of expression, so long as he does not interfere with the rights of others." This means that every person should not only have equal rights in voting and governmental affairs, but equal opportunity to develop himself as an individual to the fullest extent of his capabilities. This also includes the belief that limitations should not be placed upon anyone because of his color, religious beliefs, or financial status. The only true barriers to further development are those natural limitations he possesses or unwillingness to work for advancement.

Looking back over the one-half century that I have enjoyed living in this wonderful country, I can see a large number of changes. Those of us who had to walk several miles to and from school each day in both good and bad weather, who carried a cold lunch of fried potatoes, and biscuits, or whatever was left from the breakfast table; who crawled out of bed way before dawn in order to get the cows milked and numerous other chores done in time to walk to school, who received treats such as nuts, candy, or oranges only at Christmas time, and who looked forward to



the 4th of July picnics because that was the one time we could afford the extravagance of an ice cream cone -- those of us in this class wanted better things for our children and grandchildren. Consequently, in many families both the mother and father went out to the public works in order to give our offspring better than we had.

We have provided increasingly better schools; we provided hot lunches, furnished buses to carry them to and from school, and we have seen to it that they have an abundance of good things to eat as often as they desire. We have broken our necks to keep abreast with society in having all the electrical devices and appliances in our homes and at least two cars per family. We now have ice cream and all the mouth-watering delicacies that we hungered for as children.

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We have seen to it that our children have much more time to sleep and play than we did. But by doing so, we have been compelled to spread ourselves so thin that there is very little of ourselves left to give to our children. Thus, many of our children have grown thin, not physically, but spiritually and morally. We do not have the time for the Bible reading and prayer in many of our homes as did our parents. Consequently, love has diminished to a degree, and many of these homes have broken up and many others might as well have.

Now that we have given materially to this generation of children, we have sacrificed that all important ingredient, that basic need, love. I doubt seriously that where love is barren, respect flourishes. As a result of our over-indulgence, we have reared some very disrespectful and frustrated offspring.

News from Vandivort Family

These are coming from prosperous and above average income families as well as the poverty class. Hence, my argument is that poverty is not our major problem. There is more restlessness and frustration among our youth of today than in any other period. They have had more, materially, than history has ever known, yet they come from among the intellectuals as well as the unlearned and under-privileged. When has America known greater educational advantages and more students attending and completing college? Greater education alone will not correct the ailment.

Let us take a look at the core of this ulcer. A few years ago a political leader stated, "America cannot be defeated by war from without, but must fall of decay from inside." This frustrated number in our populace was the choice element to drop the foreign ideas into. Ideas promote greater changes than any atom or hydrogen bomb.

We often hear an expression of sympathy made in regard to the youthfulness and innocence of this minority group, but what we are failing to see is the wheel behind this group that motivates their behaviour. This treacherous power will use any means, in anyway, to divide the American people. The major targets today are race, religion, labor, politics, and education. For example let us look at how race is being used presently. Actually, neither the black or white race is really responsible for this racial disturbance. If we look carefully we will find some of both races being used. The real purpose behind the scene is to create race hatred and it is proving effective. If we are not careful, we are going to have more racial prejudice instead of tolerance and understanding toward one another, and find ourselves eventually in a civil war.

Can we not look at the other countries and recognize our own ailments? Yes, I am talking about the force of communism. What can be done about it? First we need to turn back to God, nationally, that we might be able to claim His promises. We need to pray for God's infallible leadership for both ourselves and our leaders. We deny the right to teach about God in the schools, but the atheistic views are still being promoted. How can we expect national blessings from God?

It is time for us to awaken from this lethargy and take a stand against the uprisings which are destroying the rights of all the American people.

When our generation was in school, students were expelled on far less grounds than the antics prevalent in our schools and colleges today. Rather than have a minority group cause havoc and cripple the ability of other students in securing an education they should be expelled.

Is it fair to allow a minority group to stay in school, gain momentum and continue to destroy what we have worked to provide for them? Certainly not! There are many boys in Vietnam who would be happy to have the privilege these students object to so violently. If they are so eager to fight, why not replace the boys in service who desire an education, with those that do not.

I would like to express that by all means we need to be conscious of the work of communism and oppose it with like diligence for "United We Stand, Divided We Fall." ☐

God has blessed beyond measure. Sunday night our church made a mile-stone decision to borrow or issue bonds for \$25,000 for the purchase of two acres of land and erection of a first unit building. We feel that we have the financial potential to make this step. We average \$45.64 per Sunday the first six weeks (average attendance - 20) and \$150.50 per Sunday the past five weeks (average attendance - 30). We are thankful for each one of you who have made this report possible.

The builder whom I worked for in New Hampshire plans to be available to work for us in January.

Sunday, we had 37 present for morning worship and 29 present for evening worship. God has blessed our services with decisions of dedication. One dedicated university student joined Sunday evening.

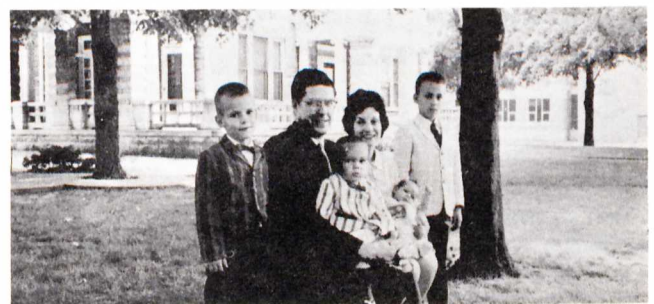
Another milestone was made Sunday with the attendance of three citizens of India. We have a very sweet little second grade Indian girl who has been attending the past two months. She told her Sunday School teacher that she had prayer that her parents would attend church!

The foundation arrangements have been made for finance negotiations. Pray earnestly that our financial arrangements can soon be settled so we can give our attention to other matters.

Pray for several families who have recently attended our church. We have made contact with several university students. Pray for their response.

We thank each one who has prayed for Louise's health. She had a cyst which caused complications. She is feeling much better now.

In the near future we hope to establish several home Bible study groups. Pray that many will come to know Christ through this witness.



THE J. MARK VANDIVORT FAMILY

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GLEANINGS



FROM THE FIELDS

Dear Co Workers:

Christian greetings once again in the name of our lovely Lord Jesus, from the Desoto Free Will Baptist Church.

We come to you with thankful hearts for all the Lord has been doing for us since we last wrote to you.

We don't know where to begin telling you of His excellent greatness. We would like to do as we are told in Psalms 107-8, "Oh, that men would Praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful workers to the children of men!"

On Oct. 6 we attended the St. Francios County Sunday School Convention at the Leadington Church. Our Sunday School was represented with 40 attending. This was 82% of our enrollment, and we won the attendance banner for the fourth straight time.

That same Sunday night, Bro. Jack Morris brought the gospel message at our church on the subject, "Almost but Lost." The message was brought by the power of the Holy Spirit, and our hearts were blessed.

On Oct. 26 we attended the St. Francios County Quarterly Meeting held at the Hurryville Church near Farmington, Mo., where Rev. James Barker is pastor. This was a great day in the Lord's service. We feel many things were accomplished for the Lord at this meeting.

On Oct. 31 the church sponsored a Halloween party at Sister Roberta Berry's home. About 60 attended.

Our young people roasted weiners and marshmallow and played games. It was an enjoyable evening.

On November 10th we had a wonderful day with 62 in Sunday School. The Holy Spirit was in our midst and hearts were touched. One was saved and several rededicated themselves to the Lord. Six were added to the church.

Our building is well on its way to completion. The Lord has been blessing our building program richly. We expect to be in our church basement by mid-December. We thank the

Lord for his blessings and for those who helped in any way in our building program. We thank the St. Francios County Quarterly Meeting and the home missions board for their help financially and their prayers.

We cannot close this letter without mentioning our good pastor, Rev. Charles Miller and his wife, Ima Lee. We are so thankful that the Lord sent them to us. They are faithful workers. Rev. Miller is doing a good job feeding the flock with the Word of God.

I will close this letter with Isaiah 59:1, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that he cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear." Continue to pray for us.

In Christian Love,
Sister Ackerson - reporter

Deacon Ordained at Overland

Deacon ordination services were held at the Overland Church Sunday evening, Nov. 10, for Bro. David Buie. "Qualifications and Requirements of a Deacon" was the sermon text, taken from Acts 6:1-6. After the message, all ordained deacons and their wives laid hands on Mr. and Mrs. Buie at the altar during prayer. A closing prayer and a congregational hand-shake concluded the service.

A Worker For Christ

Lois Buie, Church Reporter

Rev. Johnny Land has been called as pastor of Fourth Church. We ask your prayers as we labor together in this vineyard, that souls might be won to the Lord.

Dear Bro. Hill:

Would you please publish this in your next issue. My nephew wrote this at camp. He had just rededicated his life to God, and he sat down and wrote this. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Overland. He is also nephew to Rev. Floyd Arnold of the Faith Church.

Thank you
Sis Ruby Thebeau
Overland Free Will Baptist Church

“HE NEVER FORGETS”

God, what can I do, I've sinned so much,
I need your love. I need your touch.

Oh Lord, I've sinned in so many ways,
I've sinned and sinned day after day.

Can't you see what I am trying to say,
I want forgiveness, I want to pay.

I feel so awful, terrible and blue,
I love you dear Lord; really I do.

I'll go to church every day if I can,
Just reach out and let me take your hand.

Well dear God, its time to go home,
I can see the gold streets and the castle dome.

Oh, I'm so happy, I could cry,
But wait; there's a light, it's blinding my eyes.

Oh please, Dear Lord, is it you, could it be?
Yes! It is you, now I can see.

You touched me with your wonderful hands,
And then you said 'welcome my child to the promised land.'

I walked away with him and then I knew,
He'll never forget me and he'll never forget you.

Richwoods, Mo.
October 23, 1968

Dear Brother Bud:

The Richwoods Church was wonderfully blessed during the revival held October 2-9. Rev. Woodrown Messex, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Jasper, Alabama, brought inspiring words from God. There were eight conversions and rededications during the revival, and God is still blessing our church with increase in attendance and more souls saved. We are so thankful for his bountiful blessings. Our pastor is Rev. Esley Kronk.

The hayride was sponsored by the CTS Department of the Desloge Free Will Baptist Church, October 11, and was enjoyed by 35 members and their guests. Brother Arthus Jenkerson is our CTS president. He is serving another year as president of the St. Francois county CTS rally.

Reporter, Sis. Alice Bowen
Pastor, Rev. Harley Brown

SMITH ACCEPTS NEW POST

Nashville, Tennessee -- The Reverend N. R. Smith, Oklahoma State Executive Secretary and editor of *The Promoter* for six years, has been named Director of Christian Literature, according to Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey.

Mr. Smith graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1953, receiving a B.A. in Bible and later attended Blackwood Business College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His pastorate includes Oaklawn Church in Tennessee; New Home, Bristow, and Wewoka - all located in Oklahoma.

Mr. Smith is a former member of OBC's faculty and is currently serving on the National Sunday School Board. He is married to the former Cathern Pettry.

The Smiths have two children: James, 14 and Timothy, 12.

His responsibilities include managing Randall Bookstore; recommending good evangelical reading materials for the home and church; and traveling to various denominational meetings to promote the value and use of Christian literature to supplement that which is provided by the C.T.S. and Sunday School Departments.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
Farmington	116	129	142	160	153	147	136	140	130	199
Southside, St. Louis	109	117	133	142	120	119	126	118	124	112
Trinity, St. Louis	117	149	156	144	134	123	122	128	126	
Kirkville	109	127	136	151	142	136	124		134	141
Grant Ave., Springfield	175	188	186	187	183	178	160	174	176	194
Viburnum Church	43	44	43	54				46	42	44
Mine La Motte	17	31	27	36	36	33	38	25	25	28
KoshKonong	43	51	62	62	62	63	56	60		
First, Springfield	213	277	287	287	288	274	301	284		
Desloge	74	82	90	89	92	79	86	77	87	89
First, Springfield	211	213	262	268	225					
Hannon	54	63	64	61	62	65	59	58	56	58
Leadington	112	133	156	166	146	140		120		
Copper Mines	62	90	93	85	87	77	88	109	92	
Fourth Church, St. Louis	162	183	190	176	188	132	115	124	108	125
West Plains	162	169	176	181	166	148	115	124	124	133
First, Lebanon				92	90	113	97	99	129	114
Myrtle Church	50	67	62	70	66		70	64	60	
Twin City Ch., Festus	49	59	64	55	52	43	43	46		
Cape Girardeau	24	48	75	70	60	52	61	45		
Sunnyview, Lebanon	67	68		81		72	58	67	50	
Desoto	41	52	56	58	53	52	55	63	61	54
Thayer	102	129	129	135	124	125	132	128	58	118
Overland	162	201	216	215	203				128	
Salem					26	25	21	25		30
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	76	77	82	86	84	85	94		26	
Twin Oaks Church	44	55	57	64	50	58	45	51	90	
Fellowship Church					213	217	223	208		
Faith Church, St. Louis	60	72	63	76	67	62				
Richwoods Church							61	56	57	
Berkeley Church	304	346	410	395	345	323	299	285	342	346
Central Church K. C.	154	163	156	146	174	141	145	136	154	154

January

Enlistment Time

As a new year approaches, Mrs. Auxiliary Member, you are as busy as can be. Thanksgiving is just past; Christmas is just ahead, a new year right on its heels.

As January rounds the corner, Mrs. Vice-President, your job is spelled out for you — enlist the unenlisted, re-enlist former members, and reactivate laggard members. Big job? Sure! But it can be done. How? Plan the most enjoyable, stimulating enlistment dinner in the history of your auxiliary. Mrs. Vice-President, this is your job.

I. PLAN

Plan time, place, and date of your dinner. The place might be the church fellowship hall; or a basement, large family room, or recreation room of a member's home. Perhaps you prefer to make this a luncheon rather than an evening meal. Make your plans according to the preference of your auxiliary.

Plan theme. Use "Laborers together with God", I Cor. 3:9, as the theme, posting it in large letters in the focal point of the room.

Plan the program. Build your program around the theme. A skit such as "Introducing the Woman's Auxiliary" (order from WNAC) is ideal for depicting the purpose of Woman's Auxiliary in an interesting way.

Plan for special recognition of each guest, and give each one the opportunity to join your auxiliary if she wishes. Handle this part of the program carefully. I have seen women who had no intention of joining the Auxiliary reluctantly consent when asked publicly to do so. Guests should clearly understand before the dinner that this is a special effort to entice them to join. You want every woman who genuinely wants to join with you, but those pressured into joining your Auxiliary will not be an asset to your group. So plan wisely for this aspect of the program. Present each one who joins a current *Co-Laborer* and a *Woman's Auxiliary Manual*.

Plan a time for laughter in the program. Use amusing anecdotes, a brief story, or even a humorous skit.

Plan a spiritual boost. Cap it all with a stirring spiritual time, such as a dramatic reading, brief pageant, special music or testimony.

If you wish, ask your Program-Prayer Chairman to be responsible for the entire program, or specific parts of it. Give her some ideas as to what you want, the time limit, etc.

Plan the decorations. A committee should be given charge of decorations. Encourage them to use ingenuity and spare nothing to make the room very impressive. After all this is a once-a-year affair and the biggest social event on the Auxiliary calendar. By all means use the Auxiliary colors, lavender and white, for the color scheme.

Plan the meal. I suggest that each Auxiliary member bring a casserole, a salad, and a dessert; and that the meal is

served buffet style. However, you may prefer to place your Social Chairman in complete charge of the meal so that she can make the plans.

Plan for a friendly atmosphere. The most successful enlistment efforts are those which lend an air of friendliness and cordiality. The decorations are beautiful, the theme and program planned in every detail, the meal delicious; but the Auxiliary members sit together, eat together, talk together. The result -- guests feel left out. The solution, use place cards to designate who sits where. This encourages conversation among *all* the women. No one is left alone. Everyone has someone, or several, with whom to talk.

II. PREPARE

Prepare yourself. Even though your plans seem perfect, prepare yourself for a few letdowns. Remember that some people choose to be critical, rather than helpful. But remember also, that most of the Auxiliary members are behind you and are supporting you.

Prepare the Auxiliary... for hard work! Auxiliary members must be genuinely interested in recruiting new members for the enlistment dinner to be a success. Solicit their complete support and effort in inviting the guests. You might decide to use the "Twin Sister" idea: each woman brings a guest who is designated as her "twin". The guest may be any woman who is a prospect for active membership in your Auxiliary. Any of the many other plans for inviting guests may be used. Consult your vice-president's guide, page 11-16, for further ideas.

In addition, the Auxiliary must expect to cooperate with you and assist you. I have mentioned the work of various committees previously. A successful enlistment dinner cannot be a "one-man-show". Each Auxiliary member should feel that she is helping to enlist new members through her part in the preparation for the dinner.

Prepare thoroughly. Meet with all the committees a few days before the dinner; double check every detail. Leave nothing hanging in the air. Tie all loose ends together at this meeting.

III. PERFORM

This is "zero" hour! If the planning and preparation have been conscientiously taken care of, the performance should go beautifully. Remember, Mrs. Vice-President, you are the coordinator and the hostess. Your job is to see that everything is well planned, thoroughly prepared, and finally, that the dinner itself is hosted well.

In conclusion, there are other ways to enlist new members, most of which are less laborious and require less ingenuity. But those are also less successful. Don't forget - nothing can top food, fun, and fellowship. To women, these are irresistible!

State Vice-President
Brenda Evans
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The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Wednesday evening with 20 members and two visitors present: Mrs. Marvin Griffith and Mrs. Marvin Cook.

The President, Mrs. Dale Jones, called the meeting to order. Each officer gave her report for the month. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Griffith. A special hymn, "I Want to Do Thy Will" was brought by Mrs. Homer Nosier, Mrs. Marvin Cook and Mrs. Jerry Bowman.

The project chairman has planned a turkey dinner for Nov. 22 at the church dining room.

Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Woodrow Montgomery

Overland Auxiliary November minutes

Overland Auxiliary held their meeting Nov. 12 at 7:30 at the church. President Alice Stephens called the meeting to order. Sister Lois Buie gave the opening prayer. Sister Alice Milligan, treasurer, read her report — approved as read. Offering was collected.

During the business the group made the following decisions:

1. To extend the project for bandages for Miley family to January.
2. To begin a November project of making Leprosy packs.
3. To save all plastic medicine bottles for Miley family.
4. To add to the Thanksgiving offering if necessary to equal \$25 to send to Home Missions.
5. To have Christmas film and program committees appointed to make arrangements.
6. To send a letter to all frequent absentees and urge them to come to auxiliary.

Sister Sue Revelle dismissed us with prayer.

Lois Buie
Corresponding Secretary

The Berkeley Woman's Auxiliary met Nov. 6th. Minutes and reports were read from the last monthly meeting. We have had two study courses; Reverend Burton gave one on Stewardship, and Mrs. Gusta Barks gave one on prayer. We were happy to have two new members added to our auxiliary. Pray for us as we work together that we will take a firm stand for our Lord and witness to others.

Verna Smith
Corresponding Secretary

The West Plains Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary met Nov. 4th with 10 members and two visitors present.



Woman's Auxiliary

A motion passed to send \$10 of our \$50 to our district Aux. treasurer for our District Project to help support a missionary family at youth camp.

A motion carried that we send \$20 to the Rev. Mack Owens' account.

The lesson in Co-Laborer, "Evangelizing the Jews", was discussed by members and some tracts were handed out to be read. The auxiliary was dismissed by Sister Elaine Skiles.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Rev. Willey. If we could all be as good a missionary as we think Bro. Willey was, we could win so many more souls for our Lord. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon Mr. Willey's wife and children.

Hattie Sims
Corresponding Secretary

The Alton Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met November 11, 1968, with eight members present. Program Chairman, Sister Wright was in charge of the lesson, "Evangelizing the Jew". Opening prayer was by Sister Wallace. Topics were read by Sister Gonterman, Sister Kerr, and Sister Wallace.

Business meeting opened with prayer by Sister Forest. Officers' reports were given. Flowers were sent to Sister Wheeler who is in the hospital.

The rummage sale held recently netted \$40. The auxiliary is sending \$5 each month to a foreign missionary. The auxiliary has given to the Merks, Volena Wilson and Ken Eagleton.

In October the church and auxiliary sent \$34.85 to our sister in Christ Carol Wright who is studying at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

Plans were made for the Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Services.

The auxiliary voted to have our monthly meetings at 2:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. We dismissed with an altar of prayer.

Mildred Wallace, Sec.

MISSION NEWS



Dear Friends:

Chegamos! That means, "We arrived!" We returned to Brazil August 1. My, but time is flying. Since we have been back in Brazil, all the children have had some minor physical disorders in readjusting, but we are thankful that all are well now.

The first few days in Brazil we spent in Campinas awaiting the arrival of our baggage which came on another plane. When it finally came we had already moved to Jaboticabal. I had to go to the city of Sao Paulo to get it out of customs. The John Craft family came with us and our baggage was together. The marvelous thing about customs was that we both got our baggage out "scot" free. This is indeed out of the ordinary, but our God does the extraordinary, does He not?

Jean teaches Lyndon and LaDonna the Calvert correspondence schooling at home. This is a time-consuming but vital and necessary ministry. Jeffrey,

who is now three, "contributes" to the class with his many questions or needs. James, the baby, is fat, lively and nearly six months old. He, too, sometimes sits in on the classes.

Since getting the moving done, I have been trying to catch up at the Bible Institute. School started the day we arrived so I got a late start. The matter of preparing says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." This gives us confidence that the Lord is sufficient for the task. There are three prayer requests that we want to share with you. First, pray that Jean and I will have the needed strength, patience and grace for this ministry. It is somewhat different from our first term. Much study is tiring, mentally.

Second, pray for the eight students in our Bible Institute, that they will grow in grace and heart knowledge as well as head knowledge. Remember especially Valdinho. He has a zeal to serve the Lord but needs spiritual wisdom and maturity. Pray that he might have a desire to *know* the truth.

Third, pray that the Lord of the harvest will call out laborers, both missionaries and Brazilian nationals to proclaim Christ to Brazil ere He returns.

We praise the Lord for your faithfulness in giving to our support here in this land that so greatly needs Christ. We do appreciate it very much and pray the Lord to supply your every need.

The Earnie Deeds Family

MISSOURI FOREIGN MISSION GIVING OCTOBER, 1968

Fourth FWB Church - St. Louis	\$ 10.00
Dale Crossgrove - Novinger	5.00
Low Ground Church - Novinger	5.00
Cuba FWB Church	3.00
Ed Freeland - Fredericktown	20.00
First FWB Church - Monett	305.00
Oak Grove FWB Church - Mountain Grove	25.00
Phillip Fry - Mountain Grove	8.00
Rev. George Bryant - Mountain Grove	24.02
Victory FWB Church - Avondale	10.00
South Side FWB Church - St. Louis	142.00
Columbia FWB Church	11.00
Northeast Missouri CTS Rally Assn. - Kirksville	5.00
Lloyd Aldridge - Grandview	11.00
Union Light FWB Church - Marquand	30.80
Rev. T. O. Hutchison - Neosho	1.00
Henry Jacobs - Fredericktown	5.00
Bethel FWB Church - West Plains	59.44
Garfield Sunday School - Couch	20.00
Edith Blair - Kansas City	10.00
First FWB Church - Mountain Grove	153.00
Hurricane FWB Church - Farmington	51.00
First FWB Church - Joplin	10.00
First FWB Church - Fredericktown	80.00
Floyd E. Green - Lee's Summit	15.00
Hannan FWB Church - Liberal	30.65
Otto McCormack - Springfield	2.00
Valentine Arnold, Jr. - Florissant	75.00
Ernest Clift - Marshfield	6.00
Mrs. Laurie Maxwell - Cabool	2.00
FWB Church - Neosho	5.00
FWB Church - Cuba	12.47
Verdella FWB Church - Liberal	10.00
M. L. Combs - O'Fallon	40.00
Rev. Jack Stallings - Kansas City	30.00
New Harmony S. S. - Greentop	39.79
Farmington FWB Church	153.30
Columbia FWB Church	36.87
First FWB Church - Monett	600.00
FWB Church - Berkeley	147.50
Twin Oaks FWB Church - Fredericktown	75.00
Victory FWB Church - Avondale	25.81
Leadington FWB Church	23.00
Eli Stephens - St. Louis	25.00
Milford House - Gower	5.00
Pleasant Ridge Church - Urbana	10.00

Hazel Creek Union Church - Kirksville	220.35
William Coleman - Berkeley	10.00
George Martin - Springfield	5.00
Berkeley FWB Church	100.00
Harold Kelsey - Greentop	18.00
Clifford Neasby - Phillipsburg	12.00
Grace FFWB Church - Arnold	40.00
Archie Cooper - Kirksville	10.00
Mrs. Coy Rader - Marshfield	5.00
FWB Church - Cuba	10.00
Richwoods FWB Church	11.00
Parkview FWB Church - Desloge	172.75
Anonymous	115.00
Leadington FWB Church	10.00
Betty Banes - Fredericktown	3.50
Mr. W. L. Evans - Springfield	10.00
T. A. Fore - St. Louis	10.00
Lindell W. Whillite - Overland	10.00
Earnest Thomas - Kirksville	10.00
Dale Crossgrove - Novinger	5.00
Low Ground FWB Church - Novinger	5.00
David Bagwell - Springfield	5.00
Jean Williams - Raytown	10.00
A. E. Dare - Kirksville	10.00
FWB Church - Fellowship Class - Farmington	13.00
Doyle W. Akeman - Cabool	10.00
Oak Grove Church - Cabool	10.00
Houston FWB Church	10.00
First FWB Church - Springfield	32.72
Mrs. Phillip Fry - Mountain Grove	10.00
Lee Bunton - Liberal	10.00
B. H. Filkins - Kirksville	10.00
Fellowship FWB Church - Flat River	141.00
Central FWB Church - Kansas City	67.81
Ed Freeman - Fredericktown	20.00
Union Grove S. S. and Church - Norwood	41.00
Hilda Edgar - Farmington	10.00
Harold Kelsey - Greentop	10.00
Samuel Lewis Hall - Kansas City	10.00
Glenn Hook - Lee's Summit	10.00
Clifford E. Altis - Independence	10.00
Gilbert Fortney - Springfield	5.00
Lloyd Aldridge - Grandview	11.00
Mrs. John E. Shannon - Mountain Grove	10.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People - Alton	5.10
Valentin Arnold - Florissant	25.00
Ronald Barr - Arnold	5.00
Sun Light Missionary Conference - Cabool	20.00
Rev. Woodrow Matthews - Raytown	10.00

Phillip Fry - Mountain Grove	8.00
Billy S. Miller - St. Louis	5.00
Myrtle FWB Church	45.53
Hazel Hutsell - Mountain Grove	10.00
New Harmony S. S. - Greentop	30.24
Lester Barks - St. Louis	10.00
Virgil Gaston - Springfield	10.00
Fellowship Class - FWB Church - Farmington	13.00
	3,839.65

MISSOURI HOME MISSION GIVING

Monett First FWB Church	20.00
State Home Mission Board	433.33
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jacobs	5.00
Columbia FWB Church	26.00
South Side FWB Church	24.00
Macy Gregory	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Thurston	40.00
Fredericktown First FWB Church	2.00
Mtn. Grove First FWB Church	2.00
Lewis Willhite	8.00
New Home Church	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vencie Long	5.00
Mrs. L. P. Fry	2.00
Womans Auxiliary Con Central West Mo. Assoc.	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Matthews	5.00
Mrs. Ivon Helsley	16.00
Victory FWB Church	25.81
Farmington FWB Church	30.66
Overland FWB Church	25.00
Leadington FWB Church	34.00
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite	3.00
Mr. Leslie Hanson	5.75
Richwood FWB Church	11.00
DeSota First FWB Church	20.00
Mrs. Oma L. Scott	7.00
Beacon FWB Church Home Builders Class	15.00
Fellowship FWB Church	10.00
Willow Springs Woman's Auxiliary	5.55
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Mrs. Phillip Fry	2.00

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Earnie and Jean Deeds



Bible College News



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TEN PERCENT OF BIBLE COLLEGE GIFTS TO AID STUDENTS

The administration of Free Will Baptist Bible College has announced that the school has designated 10 per cent of \$175,000 general fund quota for 1968-69 to be placed in a loan fund for financially handicapped students. This will place more than \$17,000 in low-interest loans at the disposal of students who might otherwise have to drop out of the Bible College because of financial problems.

For some time loan funds sponsored by various groups and individuals in the denomination have been available to qualifying students, but the amount of capital in these funds was severely limited. By making more money available, the College administration and Board of Trustees hope to make it possible for many students to complete the training God has called them to begin.

OVER \$10,000 RAISED FOR BIBLE COLLEGE FURNISHINGS

Several months ago, a number of contacts around the denomination were made relative to the adoption of projects to buy furniture for the new buildings on the Bible College campus. Since that time Sunday school classes, CTS groups, auxiliaries, churches and even entire associations have gotten involved in the effort to equip the school's new dormitory and classroom building.

Over \$10,000 in pledges and gifts has come in so far. The projects are receiving wide-spread approval from Free Will Baptist people, so that those who have completed one project are pledging themselves to complete another.

A Heralds CTS group in Birmingham, Alabama has given \$200 to buy new furniture for a Bible College student. So has a young people's Sunday school class in Wheelersburg, Ohio. A church in Columbia, South Carolina has made a large gift in memory of a serviceman from their church. (The Bible College will provide a commemorative plaque for any gift of \$200 or more designated as a memorial.)

Projects range in size from \$16 for a single desk to several thousand dollars for lounge furniture and laboratory equipment. Information on the adoption of projects may be obtained by writing the Office of Development, in care of the Bible College.



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"For evil to triumph, good men need only to do nothing." Those of us who share an interest in Christian education are determined that evil shall not triumph. Our work with Christian young people is to train leaders for the future who will lead our nation in righteousness.

Since Oklahoma Bible College is the youngest of the Free Will Baptist colleges, we have a lot of catching up to do. We would like for you to look over the enclosed brochure and accept this opportunity to become a participant with us in this Christian ministry. We need 2000 friends to share in this ministry with us. In this day of non-involvement, we invite you to involve yourself in our work of educating young people in a Christian environment.

To each participant who gives \$100, we will mail a beautiful certificate showing that he joined us in Operation Participation. Larger gifts of \$500 or \$1000 will be recognized with an appropriate plaque. Your donation of any amount will be appreciated, but we hope you will give sacrificially so that our goal in this endeavor will be met.

Shall Operation Participation succeed? It shall if you and others who receive this request respond to it.

J. D. O'Donnell
President

Promotional Secretary's Corner

HARRY BEATTY



The Cave Springs quarterly meeting assembled with Pleasant Hill Church October 5, with 21 churches represented. Rev. Clark Stephens and Rev. Tommy Carlson were the speakers. An up-to-date report of the Cooperative Fund for Missouri was given.

I delivered the Sunday morning sermon, October 6, in the Koshkonong Church. Pastor Combs and the church indicated they are planning to adopt the cooperative plan. That evening I was with Pastor Skiles in West Plains and preached the radio message sponsored by the church. They have a good radio ministry and participate in the cooperative plan.

Oak Hill Church hosted the Madison County quarterly meeting on October 12, with Rev. Don Jones delivering the worship hour message. Time was granted for us to explain the 1968 allocation of cooperative funds. Pastor John Rogers and the Oak Hill church are constructing some additional Sunday school class rooms which will be connected to the rear of the present building. Sunday morning, October 13, I was privileged to bring the message in our new church at Cape Girardeau. This church is growing and moving forward for the Lord.

I was called to Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 14 to be with my youngest brother, Herbert. He underwent surgery October 15 and passed away on the 17th. He was laid to rest there October 21. Thanks to every one for your prayers and remembrances. Please continue to pray for his wife and three children.

Friday night, October 25, I attended the St. Francis County quarterly meeting at the Hurryville Church. I was given a place in the service to explain the 1968 allocation of Missouri cooperative funds. All of their churches participate in the plan. Rev. Bert Tippet from Free Will Baptist Bible College delivered the evening message. The ladies trio from the college sang several songs.

Berkeley Church hosted the St. Louis District quarterly meeting October 26. Twin City's pastor, Rev. Ralph Hampton, delivered the morning message. Time was granted for the promotion of the cooperative fund. About 70% of this group contributed to the support of the cooperative fund.

Forty four churches contributed this month. Beloved, solicit your church to participate. Join this world-wide crusade for Christ; let's maintain an increase over this first quarter monthly average of \$3830 in co-operative giving. Our annual goal is \$46,000. Also, remember Missouri needs

to raise \$2500 to help with the expenses of the annual National Association to be held here in July. Available at your own Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Missouri 63111, are Bibles from eight Bible companies: Cambridge, Collins, Harper, Holman, Oxford, Thompson Chain Reference, World, and Zondervan.

October 1968, Cooperative Receipts:

Eldorado First	Sept.	\$ 11.40
New Home	Sept.	31.06
Olivette	Sept.	67.77
Garfield	Sept.	29.37
Hannon	Sept.	61.35
Central	Sept.	160.00
Victory	Sept.	196.22
St. Joseph	July-Sept.	27.52
Mt. Grove	Sept.	239.82
Merl's Chapel	Sept.	25.65
Mt. Pisgah	Sept.	27.00
Viburnum	Sept.	46.05
Pleasant Hill	Sept.	10.00
New Harmony	Sept.	7.32
Beacon	Sept.	166.60
Fredericktown	July-Sept.	411.39
Farmington	Sept.	139.00
Pleasant Hill S. S.	Sept.	15.79
Cape Girardeau	Sept.	87.28
Independence	Aug.	29.37
Overland	Sept.	293.00
Leadington	Sept.	170.00
Salem	Oct.	20.00
Rock Chapel	Sept.-Oct.	46.16
Twin City	July-Aug.	65.51
Pleasant Home		40.25
Lebanon	Oct.	70.00
Copper Mines	Oct.	54.00
Richwoods		91.07
Hickory Grove		35.21
Aulsbury Chapel		113.90
Cartersville		17.70
Mt. Valley		54.02
Desoto	Sept.	60.50
Grace	Aug.-Sept.	377.00
Flat River First		285.00
Mine La Motte	Oct.	9.78
O'Fallon	Oct.	35.63
Granby	Oct.	22.00
New Harmony S. S.		5.28
Viburnum	Oct.	57.64
Grant Ave.	Oct.	175.15
South Side	Oct.	151.00
Fellowship	Oct.	50.00
Thayer		116.15
A Co-operative friend		4.01

Total Oct. receipts \$4,210.00

Disbursed; 52% To:	
National FWB Association	\$2,189.20
1.00% Missouri CTS	42.10
1.00% Missouri Superannuation	42.10
3.75% Gem Paper	157.88
4.00% Missouri Youth Camp	168.40
8.25% Missouri General Fund	347.32
14.00% Missouri Promotional Department	589.40
16.00% Missouri Home Missions	673.60
100% Disbursed total amount	\$4,210.00

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE GETS NEW LOOK

Depth, the devotional guide written specifically for Free Will Baptists, enters a new era with its first quarter edition in 1969 after eight years of publication.

Begun in 1962, this inspiring booklet has reached out across the denomination to utilize the best in writing. Now its editors have launched a new *Depth*. The 4 X 7 format will feature a new, larger type, providing smoother, easier reading. Each edition will be written by not more than three authors, giving its devotional content more continuity, more depth than ever before! Dr. Robert Picirilli is featured in the coming issue in a study of Psalms.

Look for it in January, 1969! Available at the Church Training Service Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Subscriptions are \$1.00 per year, or you may get *Depth* at only 25 cents per copy.