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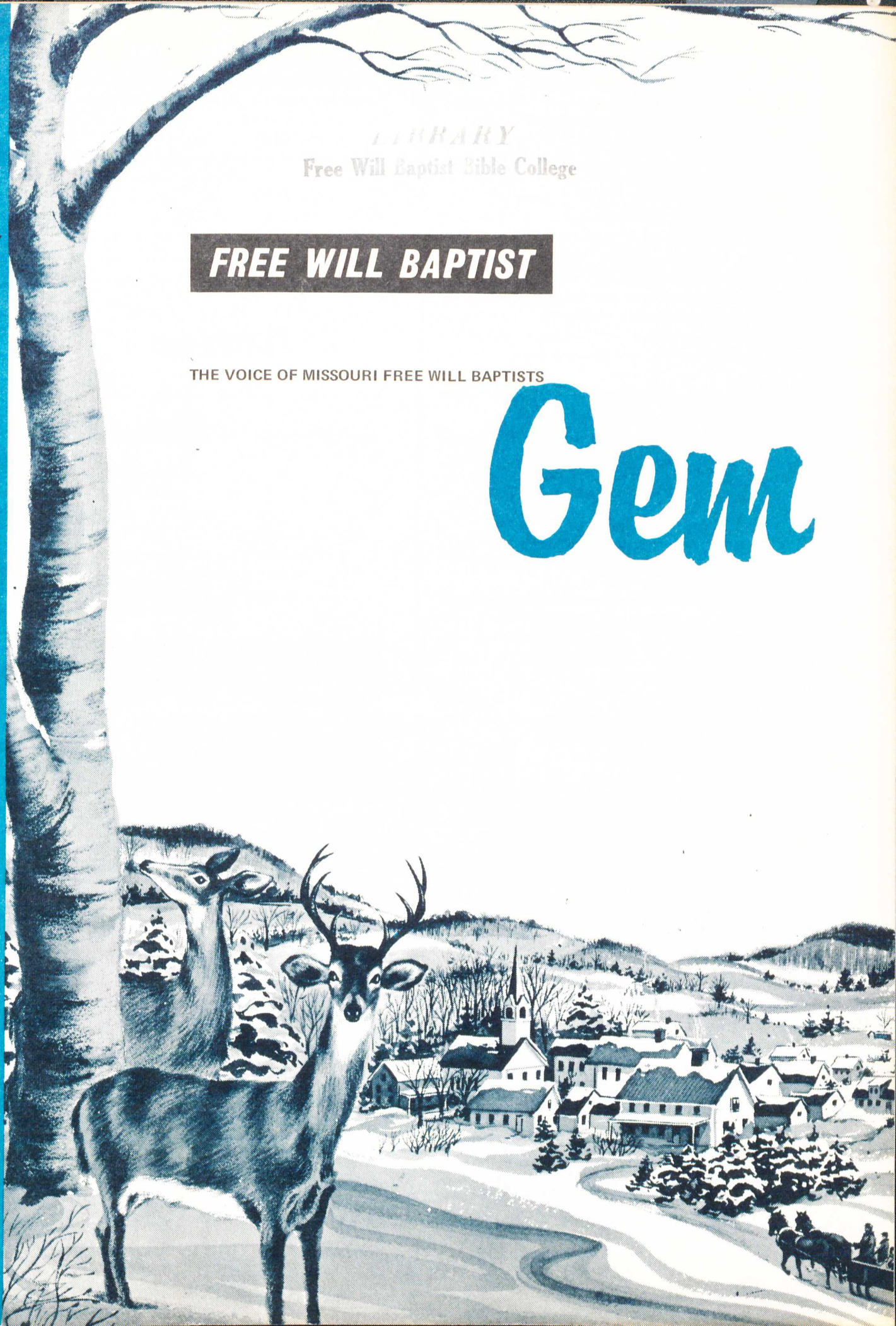
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Bud Hill

"Then beware lest thou forget the Lord . . . (Deut. 6:12).
"Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke; then a great ransom cannot deliver thee" (Job 36:18).

We Had Better Be On Guard

Rev. Harry R. Asher
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Introduction: On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, shortly before noon, the largest ship in the world, the *Titanic*, began her maiden voyage to New York from Southampton, England, with 2,223 passengers and crew members aboard. On Sunday morning April 14, a wireless message came to the ship from a steamer named "*Coronia*," The *Coronia* reported sighting icebergs and gave their location. After lunch another steamer, the *Californian*, called the *Titanic* to tell her about three icebergs. The operator did not even bother to take down the message. Not long afterward, the *Baltic*, another ship, called to warn of icebergs in the way. Not long before midnight the *Californian* called again, but the operator on the *Titanic* told him to be quiet.

At 11:40 a lookout shouted, "Iceberg!" Then the officer signaled the engine room to reverse the great engines, *but it was too late!*

At the speed of 20 knots per hour, it struck an iceberg whose jagged points ripped a great hole on the starboard side some 300 feet long.

At 2:20, as the band played "Nearer, My God to Thee," the *Titanic* sank and 1,517 passengers and crew members went to a watery grave . . . !

What a terrible tragedy! Warnings had come from three different ships, but they had been ignored. Far more terrible, however, will be the tragedy of those who refuse to heed the warnings of *God's Word*! I would like to send you three warnings from the Word of God in this message:

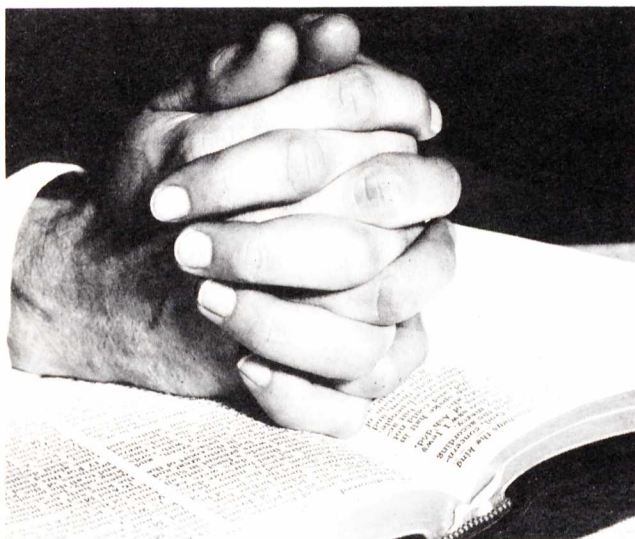
I. We had better be on guard not to forget God!

The Bible says, "Beware lest thou forget the Lord." Although this warning was given to Israel almost 3,500 years ago, we need to take heed to it today. Job said of the wicked, "Therefore they say unto God, depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit should we have, if we pray unto Him" (Job 21:14-15)?

On June 17, 1963, our Supreme Court ruled the Bible and prayer out of our public schools, influenced by a confirmed atheist, Mrs. Madalyn Murray. She said, "We find the Bible to be nauseating, historically inaccurate, replete with the ravings of mad men. We find God to be sadistic, brutal, and a representation of hatred and vengeance. We find the Lord's prayer to be the mutter by worms groveling for meager existence in a traumatic, paranoid world."

If prayer and Bible reading can be outlawed in our public school, then God can be ruled out of our government!

Already these notices have appeared in our newspapers: "Grace" before meals outlawed in a pre-school nursery... "Religious movies" in public schools outlawed... "Christmas plays" and "Easter pageants" banned... A suit filed to remove the words "under God" from the pledge to the flag... Standing during the singing of the national anthem where the line, "In God We Trust" appears, ruled illegal... Gideon Bibles to school children is not permitted by the Florida State Supreme Court...



Daniel Webster, in the American Congress, made this statement, "The Bible is our only safe guide. So long as we take it as our instructor for conduct and character, we will go on prospering in the future as in the past. But the moment we relegate it from our lives, a great catastrophe will come to such as we have not known before."

Patrick Henry said, "It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolators would be a nation of free men. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their slimy chains."

J. Edgar Hoover testified before a congressional hearing

and said, "God, in many instances, is not accepted in the home... and concepts of morality have been relegated to the junk heap."

History will bear me out that prior to the Communist Party taking over in Russia, they launched a campaign to get God *out of Russia*, get God out of their *schools*, get God out of their *homes*, get God out of their *churches*, and get God out of people's *lives*.

When Earl Warren and the rest of the Supreme Court of the U.S.A. ruled that Bible reading and prayer were unconstitutional and unlawful in our public schools *the devils in hell shouted and danced with glee!!*

But Listen, *we had better-be on guard!* The Bible says, "Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you to pieces, and there be none to deliver" (Psa. 50:22). This brings us to our next *warning*.

II. We had better be on guard against the wrath of God!

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18).

Please read Rev. 6:15, 17 from your Bibles. *We have been warned of God's wrath!!!*

III. We had better be on guard against unbelief!

"Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you."

Preachers are becoming popular today, not because of what they believe, but because of what *they don't believe!*

Recently, we were shocked to hear a theologian say, "God is dead." This man claimed that God died ten years ago.

Now perhaps his God did die... "*but not my God!*" Yes, He did die on the Cross of Calvary. He was buried, but up from the grave he arose! The Bible says in Rev. 1:18, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am *alive* for *evermore*, and have the keys of hell and of death."

All the modernism and liberalism, atheism and dirty communism can't change it. But let me tell you my friend, Satan is after your soul! He wants you to burn in Hell for eternity! And mark my words, unless the sinner turns to Christ Jesus, *he will burn in hell forever!* Oh! the horror of this thought. Now, just because America has chosen to go to Hell is no reason why *you must go there!*

Thank God, you can be saved if you will only *believe*. The Bible says, "But as many as recieved Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God; even to them that *believed on his name*."

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, (your heart my friend) and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door *I will come in to him*."

Oh, dear soul, please let Jesus save you from the Devil's Hell! Just bow your head and ask Him to forgive you right now. I will be praying for you.

STUDY COMMITTEE MAKES UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION

by Rufus Coffey

Nashville, Tenn.— A special committee grappling with the problem of apostasy and backsliding reached a unanimous decision during deliberations at the Free Will Baptist national offices Dec. 2-3. The issue concerned recommended changes in the Free Will Baptist Treatise by the Oklahoma State Association. The matter was referred to a committee by the National Association last July. Forty-four representatives from 23 states met jointly with the Executive Committee to resolve the dilemma.

Misunderstandings have existed over a professing believer's standing before God who lives a life characteristically sinful. Dr. Robert Picirilli, moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, pointed out that it was "a matter of distinguishing between the basis of salvation and the evidence of salvation." He further stated that disagreements grew out of trying to reconcile the basic belief that salvation is by faith apart from works with the teaching that one can not give assurance of salvation to a man who dies while living in sin.

Several views were expressed concerning the definition of a backslider, the possibility of his restoration and his final destiny. A harmonious spirit prevailed while the committee members and 110 visitors freely discussed what became apparent as two major factors: On one hand there is no common definition of a backslider, no agreement on how a person apostatizes, and no agreement about when and how a person away from the Lord returns to full fellowship with Him. And there is no agreement from the human standpoint, accurately depicting the individual's spiritual relationship to God when faith does not manifest itself in righteous living, a person away from the Lord returns to full fellowship with Him. And there is no agreement, Christ through faith; that to persevere the saved

individual must abide in Christ; that a saved person may through the freedom of his will turn away from Christ to be irrevocably lost, and that an individual can not willfully practice sin and enter heaven.

In lieu of these factors, it became evident that the committee must find a way to embrace the principles necessary to distinctly teach the denomination's position on perseverance and yet allow for individual interpretations. The Rev. Roy Rickard of Cramerton, N.C., proposed that the following statement be inserted in the treatise: "We believe and teach that if a man dies living in open and rebellious sin, he can not go to heaven." Dr. Picirilli presented another possible five-point basis of agreement. The Rev. Lonnie DeVault of Oklahoma moved that the suggested five points be added as an appendix to Chapter XIII of the treatise. This motion was unanimously adopted. The five-point statement, to be recommended by the committee to the National Association for final action next July is as follows:

1. We believe that salvation is always a present possession of an individual by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who may teach or imply that salvation depends on human works or merit.
2. We believe that a saved individual may, indeed, in freedom of will, cease to trust in Christ for salvation and once again be lost. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who may teach or imply that a true believer may not again be lost.
3. We believe that any individual living in the practice of sin (whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner") must be adjudged by that evidence to be lost should he so die in his sins. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who even appear to suggest the pernicious doctrine that a man may live in sin as he pleases and still claim Heaven as his home.
4. We believe that any person who has sinned (again, whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner"), and in whose heart a desire arises to repent, may do so and be restored to favor and fellowship with God. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who might appear to teach that a final apostasy comes to any child of God who sins.
5. We believe that a person's eternal destiny depends on whether he dies regenerate or unregenerate. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who teach that salvation is by works, or that regeneration does not occur until after death.

If this report is adopted by the National Association, these five points inserted in the treatise will help clarify what is presently stated concerning the perseverance of the saints.

Missourians attending this meeting in Nashville were the State delegate, Andy Lay from Kirksville, our Promotional Secretary, Harry Beatty, and two pastors, Lawrence Thompson from Kansas City and Tom Malone from Flat River.



My Field That Is White

Rev. Robert L. Shockey
Field Secretary
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BOARD

The writer of the Proverbs said in 29:18, "Where there is no vision the people perish". I believe that it was about 75 years ago when Dr. A. B. Simpson wrote the words in a hymn, "A hundred thousand souls a day are passing one by one away in Christless guilt and gloom." As I view this particular verse, I'm reminded that he could not write this

hymn today. He would have to say 140,000 souls a day are passing, for this is the number.

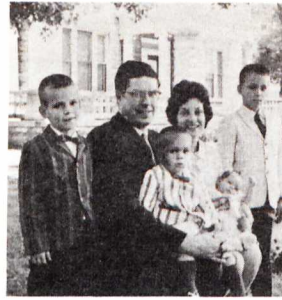
I believe that it was our Lord Jesus who brought this same truth home to His disciples when He said to them, "Say not yet there are four months and then cometh the harvest. I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields that are white already unto harvest." He knew that it was necessary for them to see with greater clarity than they had ever seen before the fields that are white unto harvest.

Perhaps some of you have not had the privilege of traveling over part of a field and seeing the need that is before us today. You know, as you see the fields, you must recognize that we're living in a decade of destiny. Even one of our presidents has said in the past that this is the hour of maximum terror. You see, mission fields that were opened to us years before and even in the past are closed today. Only God knows how much longer the world that is presently our field will be open to us. But this much we do know, Hours such as these demand far more than the Lord has been receiving from us in the past. Do you realize that we are losing the race against time. You see, we are not even keeping up with the birth rate today.

All of this, I believe, should be a challenge to us to pray as Paul prayed for the Ephesian church. Surely, we ought to pray for ourselves, "Oh God, open our eyes of understanding that we may know." I believe there are some things that we really ought to know. First of all, we ought to know what God's plan is. I do not believe that any thoughtful and Bible-taught Christian would ever agree that it was God's plan for just one, two, or three individuals to go to the mission field from a church and the rest live in ease, pleasure, complacency, prayerlessness, and indifference, often lax and loose, not caring, and letting their money suffice to measure their responsibility. No Christian who understands the will of God will ever think this is the plan of the compassionate Saviour.

Someone has well said you are either a missionary or a mission field. If you rightly understand the New Testament Christianity, you must conclude that Jesus Christ our Saviour intended that every Christian be a missionary. If you draw the contrast between the Church and Israel, you will discover that God raised up Israel really to be a witness. He said this clearly in Isaiah 43:10, "Ye are my witnesses." And then of course, He goes on to say, "that ye may know and believe me and understand that I am He." The reason for this is because the nation was given over wholly to idolatry at the time when God called Abraham, and from Abraham He purposed to produce a people who would know Him, who would understand Him, who would believe and obey Him and would, by their daily life and conduct as well as their testimony, reveal the nature and grace of God. We see this nation, drawn out of Egypt by God's stretched out arm and His great power, gathered to Him at the foot of Sinai as he says, "Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, an holy nation." And what do we find? Perhaps the most pathetic words in the Old Testament are found in Judges 2:10. We read, "There was another generation after them which knew not the Lord." As a result of this, of course, they served Balaam.

News from Vandivort Family



Dear Friends:

Greetings to each of you this happy time of year! How glad that we can earnestly say along with so many others, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

First, let us say how good it is to be back home in Missouri again! By the time you read this letter, we will have been in Columbia almost five months. At present there are approximately thirty-seven people actively interested in the work here. Some of them are students. We are in contact with a number of other people. Please pray concerning their interest and concern. Some of them you may have opportunity to speak with personally during the Christmas vacation.

Our little Primary girl from India still attends very faithfully. She is very concerned for the other members of her family. Louise and another of our church ladies visited her home recently, and were warmly received. While there, they met another lady from India whose husband is a professor at the University. This lady herself is also a qualified teacher. How we do urge you to pray that we would have much wisdom in knowing how to effectively witness, for "neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

How acutely aware we are becoming of our responsibility in II Corinthians 5:18b, "... and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." Please pray for Mark as he is almost daily brought into contact with people who have deep spiritual problems, and are in desperate need of Christian counsel.

How thankful we are for the faithful ones who are working with us in the church here. Each of us need your prayers as we work together to bring people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and establish a church that will bring honor and glory to Him.

And now for a word about our children. Philip and Andy are first and second graders. They are growing in their faith. After a service recently, Andy said, "I sure did love your service, Daddy!" Philip quickly agreed. It was their way of saying that they had enjoyed the sermon. Stevie is almost three. His most used question is, "Can I go wif 'ou, Daddy?" Bethany at eight months couldn't be sweeter! At least according to her family!

Our sincere thanks to each of you who has given to the support of the ministry here. We have greatly appreciated your cards and letters of encouragement. Our special thanks to the Missouri State Womans Auxiliary for adopting us as their special project.

It was our Lord who said, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." I believe we could view the Church as the new thing Isaiah promised when he said, "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing." Perhaps this is what he was speaking about. "The beasts of the field shall honor me," he said, "the dragons, and the animals because I will give water in the wilderness, waters in the desert to give drink to my people, my children. This people have I formed for myself and they shall show forth my praise." Of course, you remember it was Peter who said, "Ye are a chosen generation, a wall of priesthood, a whole nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who has called ye out of darkness into His marvelous light." Before our Lord left, He did say that the Holy Ghost had come, and that we shall be witnesses unto Him.

I believe that in His economy and in His wisdom everyone upon whom the Holy Ghost was to come was to be a witness. It was the Saviour's plan that every Christian have a world wide ministry. The statement, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" is a beautiful verse. I believe that the Lord's plan is for you to be a missionary wherever you are. No one is ever put in a place by accident if He's in the will of God. Have you ever thought about this? Do you think that job that you have in the office or the factory is just to support yourself and your family? Really, if you understand God's providence, you will have to conclude that He put you there that you might be an example of His grace and a missionary for Him in that situation. You see, the Saviour's plan is that you be a missionary where you are and send missionaries where you can not go, and in addition, by means of prayer and intercession and the challenge you can bring to the lives of young people around you, make it possible for missionaries to go forth unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Oh, that God would challenge us anew and afresh to see the fields that are white already unto harvest. If we can't see them, we certainly will have this verse come true to us: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." We must do more in the future than we've done in the past for our Saviour.

*Bro. Shockey is
Field Secretary
for the National
Home Missions
Department.*



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELDS

Dear Bud,

I want to write and request your prayers and those of the people of Missouri for me and my family.

On Oct. 1, the Hickory Grove Church called me to be their pastor for the coming year. I feel very unworthy to be used of the Lord, but I also know he is able to give us the strength we need to carry on his work.

We just closed a two-week revival with Rev. Glen Murray as evangelist. I feel the church was revived and Bro. Murray did a fine job of preaching the word.

Bro. Murray is also pastor of the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church near Liberal.

So I will close for now and hope to see you and many others at youth camp.

Sincerely,
Bob Dickey
Archie, Mo.

Dear Editor,

Deacons, Ministers, and their wives of the Overland Free Will Baptist Church gathered Saturday night, November 22 for a delightful dinner at Pope's Cafeteria. There were eighteen attending. We thank God for the opportunity to fellowship and become better acquainted with our fellow workers.

Reporter Norma Buie
Pastor, Rev. Harry Asher

DESLOGE CHURCH REPORTS

The Sunday School department at Parkview has made a decision to try a new approach in our Sunday School hour. Teachers and officers meet at 9:30 each Sunday morning for discussion and prayer. Classes assemble in their rooms at 9:45 for one hour of lesson. Previously we had 15 minutes in departmental assemblies and 45 minutes for study time.

The church has purchased a Show-and-Tell for the younger departments. Everyone likes it very much.

November 26 thru December 1 was revival time at Twin Oaks Church where Rev. Earl Ames is pastor. Rev. Harley Brown was evangelist for these services.

Rev. John Long was speaker at Desloge Church while Rev. Brown was away at Twin Oaks.

A surprise pounding, Tennessee style, was planned for the Brown family Saturday night, December 14, 1968. All

of the church was invited, and a variety of groceries and gifts were given to the pastor and his family as a token of our love and appreciation for them.

We have many illnesses and many lost loved ones. Remember us in prayer.

Reporter — Sis Alice Bowen

Pastor — Rev. Harley Brown

The thirty two dollars prize money won by the Hannon FWB Church float has been sent to the Mark Vandivorts for the new church at Columbia, Mo.

A new water line has been laid past our church, and we are now building on to the church two restrooms and a kitchen.

NOTICE

The name of the church at West Plains, Missouri, was changed at the last business meeting November 3.

It was voted to change the name since it was conflicted with some other churches.

You may send all correspondence to the new name: First Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, Missouri.

Hello, Christian Friends:

The Eveready Sunday School Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Monett, Missouri, had a covered dish supper November 4. Members celebrating birthdays this month received gifts from their Secret Pals. The class voted to buy blue jeans up to a value of \$30 to be sent to boys in Rev. Arthur Billow's mission in Mexico. Also, used clothing will be sent to Mexico this month.

Several members helped with a blood mobile Monday in November. A report was given on the Traveling Basket. At the December meeting the offering box inside the basket will be opened and money added to the treasury of the class. The class will meet at the Park Casino in December for their Christmas party.

This is a class of the older women of the church, but it is also a class of busy women who seem never to tire of helping others in need. I think this class is an inspiration to the other Sunday School Classes of the church.

May God bless each and every one of you,

Onieda Lombard
Reporter



Woman's Auxiliary



PRE-THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary held an all day Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Service, November 19, in the church chapel with 18 Auxiliary members present.

The opening devotional was given by Mary Latimer, president. Scripture was taken from John 20:19-22. Speakers throughout the day carried out the theme, "You Are Home Missions". They included Dorcas Weisman, Betty Bagwell, Mary Hill, Braxine Evans, and Judy Underhill. Special music throughout the day was given by Bea Felts, Kay Brown, Dorothy Brawley, and Mary Fortney.

An offering for National Home Missions in honor of Lizzie McAdams amounted to \$80.67.

For Christmas each Auxiliary member will be sending a gift to one of our foreign missionary women.

Linda O'Dell
Corresponding Secretary

The Woman's Auxiliary of Beacon Free Will Baptist Church enjoyed an Enlistment Banquet on September 24, 1968. Invitations were mailed to prospective members and former auxiliary members.

Vice-president Mrs. Glen Hook planned the program and decorations with the theme "Around the World with Missions."

Table decorations were miniature flags of different nations. Replicas of travel balloons were used as centerpieces, with prayer favors in the form of travel passports.

A skit, "Lovest Thou Me More than These," was presented by three of the auxiliary members.

The auxiliary trio sang, "So Send I You," and Mrs. Jerry Moore sang a solo, "Give Me A Vision."

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Ted Davis, spoke to us about the

purpose of womans auxiliary and challenged with the need that we can meet in our church and community.

It was a most inspiring program, and altogether a delightful evening.

Mrs. Gloria Mason
Corresponding Secretary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met Dec. 3, with 13 members and one guest present.

The opening song was "Silent Night," followed by prayer by Lorene Pohnert.

Our program, "Gods Christmas Gift — A Missionary," was given by Ruby Johnson, Jo Pingleton and LaVern Hays. Clara Allen gave a most inspiring skit which should remind each of us to keep Christ in Christmas and *keep him first* in the busy days ahead.

A pre-Christmas week of prayer will be observed in homes of members.

Our project for December will be for each member to give a basket of fruit to those who are unable to attend church and Sunday School due to illness, especially our elderly people. We love them so very much.

Pray for us as we try to show our love in some small measure.

Helen Underwood
Corresponding Secretary

The Berkeley Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary had their regular monthly meeting December 4. Reports were given and approved. We voted to make up a Christmas basket to give to a needy family, and to send \$10 to the Powells this month.

As we come into a new year, our prayer is that we as an auxiliary will be more considerate of others. We have so much to be thankful for.

Verna Smith
Corresponding Secretary

Although the Hannon Church auxiliary has not reported to the *Gem* recently, we have not been idle in the Lord's work. Some of these activities are a little in the past, but this is the time to reflect on the past and then look to the future.

We sponsored a boy from our church to go to youth camp, and he was saved there. We have rolled bandages from old sheets, sent clothes to a Children's Home, gave a set of dishes to a member who lost her home by fire, helped build a church float, and sent our hometown paper and

Christmas gifts to the Don Nutting family in New Guinea. In December \$15 was sent to the Children's Home. We provided gift boxes of sweets and fruits for the elderly in the community for Christmas. The children delivered them when they went caroling.

On December 8, the auxiliary gave a program for the evening service. After the program, the church honored our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Murray, with a baby shower for their new son, Ronald Jeffery. He was born December 4.

We feel our church has really been blessed during the year that Rev. Murray and his family have been here. There have been a number of conversions under his ministry. Most of these have united with our church. One of these new converts was a serviceman, returning to Vietnam for the second time. Just recently, his Japanese-born wife was saved at a revival that Rev. Murray held at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church. Many prayers have been answered, and we thank God for all our blessings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968

Farmington	116	129	142	160	153	147	136	140	130	199	161
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		
Kirksville	109	127	136	151	142	136	124		134	141	134
Grant Ave., Springfield	175	188	186	187	183	178	160	174	176	194	186
Viburnum Church	43	44	43	54			46	42	44	40	43
Mine La Motte	17	31	27	36	36	33	38	25	25	28	
KoshKonong	43	51	62	62	62	63	56	60	56	63	61
First, Mtn. Grove	213	277	287	287	288	274	301	284			
Desloge	74	82	90	89	92	79	86	77	87	89	77
First, Springfield	211	213	262	268	225						
Hannon	54	63	64	61	62	65	59	58	56	58	60
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	116
West Plains	162	169	176	181	166	148	115	124	124	133	129
First, Lebanon				92	90	113	97	99	129	114	123
Myrtle Church	50	67	62	70	66		70	64	60	55	60
Twin City Ch., Festus	49	59	64	55	52	43	43	46	59	58	
Cape Girardeau	24	48	75	70	60	52	61	45			
Sunnyview, Lebanon	67	68		81		72	58	67	50		56
Desoto	41	52	56	58	53	52	55	63	61	54	58
Thayer	102	129	129	135	124	125	132	128	58	118	120
Overland	162	201	216	215	203	182	161	157	212	208	
Salem					26	25	21	25		30	34
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	70	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	

MISSION NEWS



AN OPEN LETTER TO FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Homer E. Willis, Director
National Home Mission and Church Extension Board

Friends,

I am sure I speak for the entire office staff, the board members and the missionary family when I say *THANK YOU* for your generous response to our recent appeal for funds. We have constantly given thanks to God and now we want to thank you.

It appears we will enter 1969 with only two deficit accounts in our mission work and we praise God that He has been so good to us.

We do have these two very definite deficit accounts and I hope many of you will designate future offerings for these accounts. Our work is doing well in Alaska and I thank God for our faithful pastor there. At the present time the Alaska Mission account's deficit is \$2,210.47. Our other account which is greatly in need of funds is Rev. and Mrs. John Postlewaite's who are serving in Washington and Oregon. At the present time this account's deficit is \$2,223.32.

The following states have exceeded their quota in 1968 giving, and we rejoice in this knowledge. These states are: Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Mississippi and Missouri.

May all of you have a prosperous New Year in our blessed Lord.

Mr. Willis
Box 1088
Nashville, Tenn. 37202

Dear Bro. Willis:

You will be pleased to hear that since you printed part of my last letter, I have received numerous letters from many subscribers of Mission-Grams. Also that I have, because of that article, discovered quite a few of our own over here. It is a real blessing too, let me tell you. Several have sent packages which I have used to good advantage. It makes me even more proud to represent the National Association in the Chaplaincy. My work has kept me busy and the blessings have been many. I am thankful to report that I have been able to witness to several men who gave

their hearts to the Lord. At least one officer is pondering whether the Lord wants him in the ministry. I have on more than one occasion felt the Holy Spirit in a real way press Himself upon me in the pulpit. That is always a real joy and the services, needless to say, are not dull ones.

Give my best to all. My prayers are with you in your heavy and demanding responsibilities. When I consider your obligations and duties, it makes me glad I am just a Chaplain!

Take care and may God bless.

Sincerely in Christ,

GERALD M. MANGHAM
Chaplain, (CPT), USA
Group Chaplain



Mailing address:
Chaplain (Capt.) Gerald M. Mangham
HHC 525 MI Group
APO San Francisco, Calif. 96307

Jaboticabal, Sao Paulo, Brazil
December 4, 1968

Dear Christian Friends,

"Dashing thru the rain," is what we are doing these days with the advent of the rain season.

It is also the advent of the Christmas season, so we send you greetings and best wishes. Here, with the warm weather and an absence of the decorations, hurry and excitement, it is quite different from the "spirit" that usually prevails there. Perhaps we will find it easier to remember the real meaning of Christ's birth.

On December 12, the Bible Institute will close its fourth year and the students will have their three-month summer vacation. Please pray with us that God will use them as His witnesses in their home communities during this time.

This semester it has been my privilege to direct the students in practical work. They have taught Bible classes in one grade school, held street meetings, visited the jail, held child evangelism classes in a home and distributed literature. The seed has been planted and we are trusting to reap souls for Jesus.

Our family is grateful for the many blessings of the Lord. Everyone is well, physically. Recently LaDonna had

an experience in which she was assured of her salvation and dedicated herself to the Lord.

Certainly not the least of our blessings is the host of friends in the states, and you are a part of that host. A recalled promise of prayer, a birthday card, the words of a hymn in English called to mind, are among the daily

reminders that we are here because of you. Thank you for your faithfulness.

In our Lord's Service,
Earnie, Jean, Lyndon, LaDonna,
Jeffrey and James Deeds

HOME MISSIONS

Virgin/Gaston, Springfield, Mo.	10.00
WNAC	5.00
South Side F.W.B.	7.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown, Mo.	5.00
Mo. State Home Mission Board	433.33
N. S. Miller, West Plains, Mo.	10.00
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown, Mo.	5.00
Bob Fulton, Elton, Mo.	10.00
Seneca Dodge, Vienna, Mo.	5.00
Pleasant Ridge Church, Urbana, Mo.	10.00
Columbia F.W.B. Church	23.50
Mtn. Grove First F.W.B. Church	5.00
Luz Ray Rousch, Arnold, Mo.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Matthews, Fredericktown, Mo.	5.00
Festus First F.W.B. Church	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Stallings, Festus, Mo.	4.45
Overland F.W.B. Church	25.00
Fredericktown First F.W.B. Church	20.00
Leadington F.W.B. Church	26.50
Cooperative Plan	276.39
Victory F.W.B. Church, Avondale, Mo.	23.92
Liberty F.W.B. Church, Phillipsburg, Mo.	27.78
Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Thomas, Kirksville, Mo.	5.00
Elmer Thompson, Kirksville, Mo.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Thurston, Kansas City, Mo.	40.00
Kansas City First F.W.B. Church	36.40
New Home F.W.B. Church, Hartsville, Mo.	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vencie Long, Hartsville, Mo.	5.00
Egbert Essery, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	5.00
Ronald Barr, Arnold, Mo.	5.00
F.W.B. Ladies' Auxiliary, Nangia, Mo.	5.00
Merame Heights F.W.B. Church, Bellwin, Mo.	100.00
Leadington F.W.B. Women's Auxiliary	20.00
De Soto First F.W.B. Church	10.00
Clayton T. Ramsey, Farmington, Mo.	2.00
Hannon F.W.B. Church, Liberal, Mo.	200.00
Virginia Buntion, Lomar, Mo.	5.00
Macy Gregory, Hartsville	10.00

Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	3.00
Mrs. Ona Scott, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	5.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Flat River, Mo.	10.00
Overland F.W.B. Church	25.00
Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown, Mo.	14.00
F.W.B. Women's Auxiliary, Neeshoe, Mo.	4.26
L. R. Rogers, Jennings, Mo.	100.00
WNAC	5.00
	1,601.53

FOREIGN MISSIONS MISSOURI RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1968

Harold Kelsey, Greentop	\$ 10.00
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Kirksville F.W.B. Church, Liberal	10.00
Kirksville F.W.B. Church	60.43
Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Flat River	141.00
David Bagwell, Springfield	5.00
Jr. Girls S. S. Class, Overland F.W.B. Church	5.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	10.00
Honston F.W.B. Church	60.00
Leuter Barks, St. Louis	5.00
Woman's Aux., Alton F.W.B. Church	5.00
Rev. Bob King, Farmington	10.00
Gilbert Fortney, Springfield	5.00
Central F.W.B. Church, Kansas City	65.63
Clarence F. Dunn, Nangia	25.00
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Mrs. Inez Bungamer, Macomb	7.00
First F.W.B. Church, Monett	20.00
Cuba F.W.B. Church	10.00
Woman's Aux., Cuba F.W.B. Church	3.00
Dale Cragg, Nowater	5.00
Low Ground Church, Nowater	5.00
W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Woman's Aux., First F.W.B. Church, Independence	5.00
First F.W.B. Church, Springfield	37.71
Mrs. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Parkview F.W.B. Church, Desloge	59.50
Martinsview F.W.B. Church, Worthington	40.00

Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown	22.00
Ladies Auxiliary F.W.B. Church, Nangia	5.00
George Martin, Springfield	5.00
Gene Stacy, St. Louis	10.00
Ladies Auxiliary, Fredericktown	10.00
Mrs. Pearl Denton, Farmington	10.00
Mrs. Henrietta Garrett, Lebanon	10.00
Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Midland Home, Gosport	5.00
New Rock Springs Church, Cahoon	20.00
Hannon F.W.B. Church, Liberal	30.85
Mer's Chapel Church, Cassville	18.46
Cooperative Plan	465.62
Floyd L. Green, Lee's Summit	30.00
Alton F.W.B. Church, Aux.	5.00
Oak Grove F.W.B. Church, Norwood	86.50
Victory F.W.B. Church, Avondale	33.91
F.W.B. Church, Berkeley	147.50
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
First F.W.B. Church, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	112.25
Leadington F.W.B. Church	16.50
First F.W.B. Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Garfield F.W.B. Sunday School	20.00
Alton F.W.B. Church	22.63
Rev. T. O. Hutchinson, Neosho	1.00
Mrs. Laurie Maxwell, Cahoon	5.00
Rev. Jack Stallings, Kansas City	10.00
First F.W.B. Church, Neosho	6.50
Fellowship Class, Farmington	13.00
Columbia F.W.B. Church	10.00
Mrs. Carole S. Williams, Farmington	10.00
Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown	3.00
Henry O. Jacobs	5.00
Mrs. Howard E. Fulkins, Greentop	10.00
Mrs. Edith Blair, Kansas City	10.00
Kirksville F.W.B. Church	184.69
South Side F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	105.00
Orlin McCormack, Springfield	2.00
	2,174.68

Of the thousands of letters that have gone out from my office, this is perhaps the most important. You see, we are in reach of completely underwriting Phase I of the current Development Program. God has richly rewarded our efforts and many of our people have responded generously. Also, churches have adopted projects and have made significant gifts to the program.

But only a small percentage of our denomination has helped so far. Perhaps that is to be expected since we have mostly appealed for \$1,000 gifts. We felt the magnitude of the program demanded such an appeal in the outset, yet every one of us must get involved and do something now if we are to wrap up this phase in the near future. That is why I write you at this time: I must have your help.

Thousands of dollars in expense money can be saved if you will respond to this appeal. In addition, we can save thousands in interest by rallying behind the program and paying off our note at the bank. I am doing the best I can for my denomination and its youth promoting the campaign and challenging our people to give. Will you do something special now?

I am asking that you discuss the Development Program with your church or several leading members of your church. Ask them if they will really try to raise a definite amount in 1969. I believe any church can raise \$500, which is only \$10 a week for one year. If that is impossible, shoot for a lesser amount; but do be specific and nail down a goal. Notify me of this goal by marking the enclosed card and dropping it in the mail box. Your commitment will be added to our present list, and *Phase II will be launched when we have secured sufficient commitments.*

Please, dear pastor, do not let me down. "Operation Wrap-Up" can put the program over the top. Let me hear from you in the very near future.

Jack Paramore

Bible College News

Can you possibly make an extra gift to Free Will Baptist Bible College during this month?

You want your College to do a top-notch job. This is impossible without your support. Bible College education is expensive business, but you and I know that it has always paid our denomination tremendous dividends.

Do you realize that it takes \$480 per day every day of this year to meet the \$175,000 needed to operate as planned?

Since June 1, 1968, we have been receiving only \$370 each day — about \$110 per day short of what should have been received.

The College is having a wonderful year and is not in any emergency situation, but without your financial assistance, some of God's work here will have to receive second best this year.

Can you afford to fail in your stewardship now? I think not!

P. S. Now please take time to fill out the enclosed form and mail it with your gift in the postpaid envelope today. Thank you for sharing with us.

Paul J. Kettelman

Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY

Sunday morning, November 3rd, I supplied for Pastor Glen Rehkop in our Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnold, Missouri. Grace Church continues to win souls for the Lord. They are in the process of extending and enlarging their sanctuary as of this date.

South East Missouri Minister's Fellowship meeting convened in their semi-annual meeting Saturday, November 9, in the Fredericktown Church. The attendance was small, but the fellowship was extra good.

Sunday, November 10, Mrs. Beatty and I attended the annual homecoming service in one of our former pastorates, the Fredericktown Church. I was honored to deliver the gospel sermon for this occasion. Many other former members were also present for this all-day service. The Gospel Four Quartet from Roxana, Illinois brought most of the special singing. Under the leadership of Pastor George Stitt, Fredericktown church continues to consistently support the co-operative program.

The new quarterly meeting of Kansas City, Missouri, assembled November 15, with Central Free Will Baptist Church. They transacted all their business in this one session. Rev. Vernon Maggard preached the evening sermon. They also licensed four young ministers and received a church into their fellowship. Time was granted for our Missouri co-operative program. Incidentally, 100 per cent of this group support this plan.

On November 16, I visited the quarterly meeting of East Kansas, held with Topeka Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas. Our Missouri missionary, Mark Vandivort, was guest speaker for this session. I was given time to share greetings and a gospel message with them, too.

Also on November 16, the gospel singing Ledbetter family held special song services in Central Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor James McAllister delivered an evangelistic sermon, and several souls were saved. On November 27, I was privileged to deliver the 11:00 a.m. sermon at the Marshall Church for Pastor Bowman. This church is moving forward and increasing in number, through the diligent effort of Pastor Bowman.

Sunday evening we enjoyed another good service with our Vandivort missionaries and our new Columbia mission. I also delivered the evening sermon there. Prospects are good here. New people are coming in regularly to strengthen this work. In the near future they propose to adopt the co-operative program. They are also launching a

church building project on their property two miles south of Missouri University, about one half mile west of the city on highway 63.

Pastor Johnny Land and Fourth Free Will Baptist Church invited me to preach their pre-Thanksgiving sermon, Wednesday evening, Nov. 27. I explained the co-operative plan which they propose to re-adopt. They are nearing completion of their new, spacious church building adjacent to their present church.

More than 40 churches gave to the co-operative fund this month and our receipts were good.

Remember your own Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store: 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111, when purchasing Bibles.

Nov. 1968 Cooperative receipts:

Mt. Grove	Oct.	\$235.00
Willow Springs FWB	Oct.	42.15
Parkview	Oct.	87.44
Kirkeville,	Sept. & Oct.	60.00
Garfield	Oct.	21.46
West Plains Bethel	Oct.	47.00
Beacon	Oct.	132.99
Salem	Oct.	20.00
Olivett	Oct.	52.08
Farmington	Oct.	158.28
Smyrna	Oct.	20.00
Leadington	Oct.	157.00
Overland	Oct.	203.00
Marshfield	2 Months	4.00
Hannon	Oct.	61.70
Verdella	Oct.	102.13
Berkley	Oct.	274.59
Eldorado First	Oct.	3.62
Carterville	Oct.	15.65
Cope FWB Church	Oct.	18.43
Victory	Oct.	147.21
Grace	Oct.	163.00
Rock Chapel		16.97
Meramec Heights		25.00
Hickory Grove		23.00
Cabool	2 Months	82.71
Copper Mines	Nov.	50.00
Desoto	Oct.	50.00
Lebanon First		80.00
Monett		108.70
Central	Oct.	128.00
Mine LaMotte		10.00
O'Fallon	Nov.	32.13
Kirksville	Oct.	30.00
Viburnum	Nov.	48.48
Fellowship	Nov.	50.00
Twin City FWB	Sept. & Oct.	106.93
Overland	Nov.	210.00
Grant Avenue	Nov.	194.53
New Harmony Sunday School	Nov.	4.86
Garfield	Nov.	22.60
Desoto	Nov.	40.50
Beacon	Nov.	116.29
Waynesville		107.71
Parkview	Nov.	99.69
South Side	Nov.	160.00

Total amount received \$3,824.83

Disbursed November 1968,

52.00% National Free Will Baptist Association	\$1988.91
1.00% Missouri CTS	38.25
1.00% Missouri Superannuation	38.25
3.75% Gem Paper	143.43
4.00% Youth Camp	152.99
8.25% General fund	315.55
14.00% Promotional Department	535.48
16.00% Missouri Missions	611.97
100.0% Total	\$3,824.83