

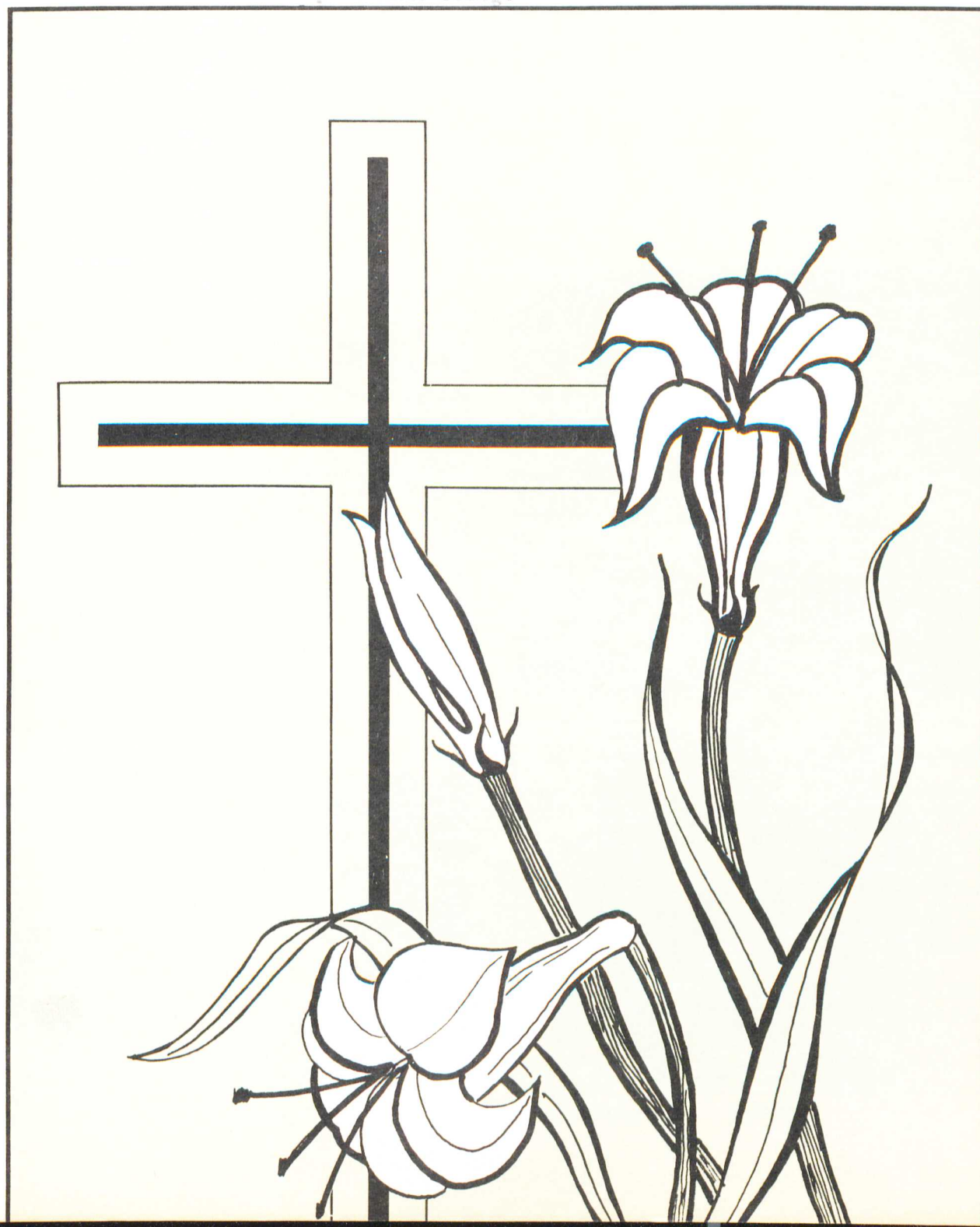
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Bud Hill

# YOUTH CAMP 1969

**DATES:** TEEN WEEK June 15-20 (Teen Week is first this year. Hopefully more teenagers will be able to attend. They will be able to start their summer jobs after youth camp).

**PRE-TEEN WEEK** June 22-27

**COST:** Same as last year!

Teens — \$10.00 (insurance, room and board)

Pre-Teens—\$9.00 (insurance, room and board)

**SPECIAL GUEST AND TEACHERS AT YOUTH CAMP THIS SUMMER:** Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows and the Spanish Boys Quartet from Monterrey, Mexico. The Billows and the Quartet will be at both sessions.

**SOMETHING NEW FOR CAMP:** Prayer Haven

Supervised Hike each afternoon

Archery

Hopefully, one afternoon, someone from the Ozarks will demonstrate the art of basketweaving and the fascinating history of the Ozarks.

**PLAN NOW TO COME THIS SUMMER!**

Youth Camp Promotion Secy.,  
Clarence Burton

*Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Billows*





# Valentine Banquet

The Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church held a Valentine banquet February 15 with approximately 65 attending.

The young people had a project to raise money for a tape recorder for the church, and with the amount of money raised was able to apply \$43.60 toward this purchase. The Queen, chosen by the amount of money designated as votes for her, was Celecia Hill, daughter of the pastor, Rev. Bud Hill. Runner-ups were Sharon Grissom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grissom, and Joyce Bagwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Bagwell. Both of the fathers are deacons of the church. Sponsors for the three groups are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brawley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hampton. Church Training Service director is Mr. John Atkins.



*Sponsors of CTS and Sunday School*

*Queen, Celecia Hill; Princesses, Joyce Bagwell, and Sharon Grisson*



## MINISTERS' RETREAT

There will be a Ministers' Retreat at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri April 21, 22, 1969. The following men will be the speakers for this retreat: 1:00 p.m., April 21—Rev. Lawrence Thompson, pastor of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City; 7:00 p.m. service—Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri, and 11:00 a.m., April 22—Rev. Billy Walker, pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River.

Alternate speakers: 1:00 p.m.—Rev. Mark Vandivort, Columbia, Missouri; 7:00 p.m. service—Rev. Harry Asher, St. Louis; and 11:00 a.m. service—Rev. Dale Skiles. All ministers are urged to attend. We will also be working on various projects at camp. The meals this year will be on a freewill offering basis.



# GLEANINGS



## FROM THE FIELDS

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Missouri is now broadcasting Sunday evening worship service, live, over Radio Station KLWT. The service is from 7:30 to 8:30.

As you know, Lebanon is our new state headquarters, and we want to do all we can to reach the lost with the gospel of Christ. This church asks you to pray with us that many will be reached for Christ through this radio ministry.

The Free Will Baptists of Missouri have nice church buildings and the very finest ministers. May we all continue to go forward for the cause for which Jesus died.

Yours in Christ  
Dale Jones

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The Everready Sunday School Class of the Monett First Free Will Baptist Church met Monday evening, February 6 at the church for their regular meeting.

A valentine theme was depicted by decorations of red, lace paper hearts hanging from the ceiling, clever favors, a Cupid centerpiece, and valentine table napkins. A "valentine tree," with a wagon load of valentines beneath, was placed at one end of the room.

Mrs. Ella Atwell, class president, presided at the business session. Mrs. Minnie Wright, secretary, read the report for the January meeting, and the treasurer's report was given. Each class member signed get-well cards to be sent to members who are ill. Roll call was answered by members reading Bible verses containing the word "love" written on red hearts. The offering was presented to Brother O. T. Allred to help on his expenses on a recent trip to Mexico with Brother James Franklin.

The program consisted of a puzzle game, a skit in which each member took part, and a patriotic scene and musical reading by B. C. McCluer. An apron exchange was held, and valentines were exchanged. It was decided to have an auction sale of flower cuttings and miscellaneous items at the next meeting, to be held in the home of Mrs. Goldie Owens. Mrs. Ella Atwell and Miss Chub Long received birthday gifts from their Secret Pal.

Oneida Lombard  
Reporting

Fourth church and Pastor Rev. Johnnie Land invite all their friends and *Gem* readers to be a part of special services in our new building April 13, 1969.

There will be all day services including Sunday school, morning worship, and dinner. In the afternoon will be our special dedication service as we dedicate the new building to God. Rev. Harry Beatty, our state promotional director, will be guest speaker.

Also, this will be our annual Anniversary Day as we celebrate 16 years as a church. Originally we were a mission of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church.

Come and be a part of the bountiful blessings of our Lord.

Thank you,  
Leamon Killiann, Reporter

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Dear Bud,

I like the appearance of the dressed up *Gem*. That is a big improvement. Congratulations.

Sincerely yours,  
Edwin Runyon

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Greetings from the Church at Viburnum, Mo.!

We come to you with thankful hearts for all the blessings we have already received in 1969.

In our Sunday morning worship service on January 26, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Burr were both converted. These are newlyweds and it makes our hearts happy to know they are starting their married life as Christians. Our prayers are that they will stay close to God and always be busy in His work.

Several delegates and members of our church attended the regular St. Francois County quarterly meeting the last of January. These meetings are always a blessing to attend. Many things are accomplished for the Lord with several churches working together in unity.

On February 1 Ray Limbaugh was ordained as deacon. This took place at the Viburnum Church at 7 p.m. with the executive board from St. Francois Co. consisting of Albert

Tucker, James Barker, James O'Dell and Ed Sirclum in charge of examining and ordination. Our Pastor, Rev. Darrell Morris, delivered the message on qualifications and requirements of a deacon. A closing prayer and congregational handshake concluded the service.

On February 2 we were privileged to have Brother James Ives and family from 4th Free Will Baptist Church with us. He delivered a very inspiring message for our Sunday morning worship service.

Then on Thursday, February 6, we were blessed to have Rev. and Mrs. Robert Francis, home missionaries to Minnesota, with us. He is making his drive now to raise the necessary money to start his mission there. A freewill offering of \$25 was given them. As the Word says in Luke 10:2 "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few". May God richly bless this family as they start labouring in Minnesota.

Report: Sister Betty Ferrell

Pastor: Rev. Darrell Morris

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The National Association will be in St. Louis, Missouri this year, July 14-17, 1969.

The following letter will show how each of us can help:

Dear Friends:

Our State was requested to raise \$2,500 for expenses in hosting the 1969 session of the National Association. At a recent meeting of the General Board, allocations were made for each Association as follows:

Cave Springs	\$200
Laclede County	60
Niangua	75
Southeast	750
Central Western	200
Liberty	200
Northeast	100
Indian Creek	300
Greater Kansas City	200
Mission	400
Northwest	25

The money should be sent to our state treasurer, Rev. Harry Beatty, 3100 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis, Missouri 63111. When sending money please indicate what it is to be used for.

Please have your offering in to Rev. Beatty by June 1, 1969. We will try to have an account of how we are doing each month in the *Gem*. Let us go over the top.

Rev. Andy Lay, Clerk

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968-69

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Farmington	136	140	130	199	161	154		
Southside, St. Louis	126	118	124	112				
Trinity, St. Louis	122	128	126		131	131	149	
Kirksville	124	130	134	141	134	134	136	
Grant Ave., Springfield	160	174	176	194	186	181	174	184
Viburnum Church	46	42	44	40	43	46		
Mine La Motte	38	25	25	28	25	23		
KoshKonong	56	60	56	63	61	60	51	
First, Mtn. Grove	301	284						
Desloge	86	77	87	89	77	83	90	
Hannon	59	58	56	58	60	53	58	
Leadington		120						
Copper Mines	88	109	92					
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	115	124	108	125	116	103		
West Plains	124	124	124	133	129		133	
First, Lebanon	97	99	129	114	123	119	129	
Myrtle Church	70	64	60	55	60	63		
Twin City Ch., Festus	43	46	59	58				
Cape Girardeau	61	45	50	48	44	42		
Sunnyview, Lebanon	58	67	50		56	52	46	
Desoto	55	63	61	54	58	65	56	
Thayer	132	128	128	118	120	116	111	
Overland	161	157	212	208		186		
Salem	21	25	26	30	34	31	26	
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	94	90	90	80	89	85		
Twin Oaks Church	45	51					39	
Fellowship Church	223	208						
Richwoods Church	61	56	57					
Berkeley Church	299	285	342	346				
Central Church K. C.	145	136	154	154				
First, Springfield	188	209	201	191	206	196	204	
Hazel Creek	46	43	48 1	47	47	36	35	
Liberty, Phillipsburg	63	60	51	45	37			





# Woman's Auxiliary

Our Woman's Auxiliary met Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the church. There were five members and one visitor, Darlinda Sue Morris, present. Although our number was small, we had a good lesson on "How Hungry are You?" Sister Pinkley had charge of the lesson and led us in the song "Break Thou the Bread of Life". The topics were read and discussed by Chris Pinkley, Pearl Willhite, Odessa Francis, Sue Morris and Betty Ferrell. Sister Morris had charge of the Circle Program for February, "Ask and I shall Give".

The treasurer's report was given. Business was discussed. Since we had Mr. and Mrs. Robert Francis, home missionaries to Minnesota, with us February 6, everyone felt the need to help support them both, prayerfully and financially. At our last meeting in each quarter we are to take up an extra offering to send them. Meanwhile each one is to be saving for this special offering. After our meeting we took some groceries that had been donated by different members of our church to the Lester Ames's home. Mr. Ames's mother had passed away. Mr. Ames is to undergo back surgery soon. He has been unable to work for several weeks. Our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

We need your prayers that our auxiliary will grow and we will do more for the Lord each day.

Corresponding Secretary

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Has the Hazel Creek Auxiliary of Northeast Missouri died? Or course not. We've been busy and haven't written, but we thought we'd report so you wouldn't think we were dead.

During most months we have two meetings. One is in afternoons at the church during which we have the W.N.A.C. program, business, and study courses. We have 10 members and have had an average of eight or more at this meeting. The other meeting is an all-day affair during which we have our work projects. A fellowship luncheon is enjoyed at noon. A supply of paper, paste, and tape is kept on hand at all times from which to make medicine envelopes for the clinic in Ivory Coast. Our sheets scarcely develop a rip before they are wound into bandages and are on their way to Dr. Miley.

The soldiers from our area received a three-pound coffee can at Christmas chock full of goodies, and tucked in were Sunday school papers and tracts. Sick folks in the community receive cards that we sign. Since newlyweds of the church receive a pieced quilt top from our auxiliary, we work on those periodically. We are furnishing cookies for refreshments for a Child Evangelism Club held weekly in the home of one of our members. Also, we have miscellaneous projects.

Each of us has a Secret Prayer Partner whom we are to remember in prayer on birthdays, anniversaries, and Christmas. It keeps us guessing most of the year to figure who our partner is.

Each of us is responsible for two or three missionary families for which we are to pray and write. Most remember their birthday with cards and some send gifts. We share letters that we receive from missionaries and thus we all keep posted of the needs for which to pray.

We'd like to share one meeting which was a highlight . . . may we? We met in the assembly room of our new trailer. To open the meeting, Maizie Sevits led the choruses "To the East," "Untold Millions Are Still Untold," and "From Alaska to Nebraska" and the hymn "Send the Light."

Our president, Dora Sponsler, read John 8:12 and 12:36. Ethel Thompson led in prayer. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report was accepted. Roll call was answered by a verse of scripture by eight members, five visitors and one child. Six hundred ninety one chapters, 25 sick calls, and 30 get-well cards were reported. Six letters, four cards and two gifts were sent to missionaries this month. A letter from Dr. Griffin was read by Gladys Cooper. An offering of \$10.40 was taken and \$8.75 was paid out for postage on eight packages of pill envelopes and bandages.

Sister Cooper introduced the lesson, "Today's Woman in Japan," telling the time of day there and a very interesting geographical and historical sketch of Japan, as well as much about the habits of the people. Topics were given by Lizzie Filkins, Lena Miley, and Ethel Thompson. Sister Sevits read a paraphrased version of I Corinthians 13, submitted to the *Co-Laborer* by Olena McLain.

After the lesson we gathered, Japanese style (on our knees), around a low table covered with a white cloth and with a centerpiece of carnations which were later presented to Olena's Mother, Mrs. Lola Filkins, and grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Filkins. We sipped delicious tea and ate tea cakes provided by Mrs. Cooper, and sampled real Japanese candy sent to Lizzie by Olena—very good. As we sipped and shifted to ease our aching legs, Sister Sponsler reviewed part of the book, *A Daughter of Bondage*, which tells of a Christian Japanese woman's life. We all agreed that we had a delightful time.

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The West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met February 3 with eight members present. Opening song was



"Break Thou the Bread of Life." Scripture reading was from Matthew 5:6 and John 6:51. Ealiene Skiles led in prayer.

After minutes were read and approved, the officers gave their reports.

Delegates elected to the District Auxiliary were Elain, Eudene, Beverly, Lunita, and Betty. Lunita and Eudene were selected to do special singing at the district meeting.

Plans were formulated for pre-Easter service. We voted to send \$10 to our state project, "Build a Fort for Vandivort." Also, \$10 was sent to our district treasurer for our Youth Camp Project.

We rejoiced over another new auxiliary member, Betty Robinson.

The Co-Laborer Lesson, "How Hungry Are You?" was discussed. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Addie Adkisson.

Hattie Sims,  
Corresponding Secretary

Overland Auxiliary met February 4 at 7:30 at the church. Call to order was by President Alice Stevens. Opening prayer was by Elsie Graham. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Items of old business included the following:

1. Several ladies are working on our missionary card file.
2. Decided to table discussion of Stanley project until next meeting. New business included these items:
  1. Easter Program—committee appointed.
  2. Discussed new convert visitation. New convert packets being made.
  3. Decided to take up new project of gathering supplies for our missionary provision closet.

An offering was collected. Seven members and one visitor were present.

The program was presented by Sue Revelle. It was impressive. She challenged our hearts to more deeply pray for our missionaries as "people" with trials and burdens. Closing prayer was by Lois Buie.

Laborer for Christ,  
Lois Buie, Corresponding Secretary

The auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Missouri met Wednesday, January 8 at the church for its monthly meeting.

After an opening hymn, "Lift Him Up," prayer was offered by Mrs. Hazel Embry. Reports of all officers were given.

It was voted to give \$100 on the church loan, and to bring aprons and hot pads to the February meeting for the missionary chest.

The lesson, "A World in Hunger," was given by Mrs. Jean Bowman, the assistant program chairman. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Eunice Barber, Mrs. Bernice Dickens, Mrs. Sybil Agan and Mrs. Jean Bowman. Closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Ann O'Dell.

The auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Wednesday, February 5, at the church with 16 members and two visitors present—Mrs. Opal Walker and Mrs. Pearl Mott. Mrs. Mott became a member.

Opening hymn, "Break Thou the Bread of Life," was led by Mrs. Gladys Montgomery, with Mrs. Freida Hays at the piano. The president, Mrs. Farron Jones, had each officer give the monthly report. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Opal Walker.

A shower of aprons and hot pads for the missionary provision chest was given.

The lesson "How Hungry Are You?" was well given by the program chairman, Mrs. Janelle Walters. Closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Dorothy Mosier. Refreshments were then served to all in the dining room.

Mrs. Gladys Montgomery  
Corresponding Secretary

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary had its monthly meeting Wednesday evening, February 5.

Meeting opened with singing, followed with prayer by Evelyn Lowry. Program Prayer Chairman Clara Allen gave a very good illustration of the difference between physical and spiritual food.

The program, "How Hungry Are You?" was given by Clara Allen, Ruth Bushno, and Ina Bennett. Business session followed the program. Each officer gave a report and Missions Chairman Nettie Bennett reported that bandages were being sent to Dr. LaVerne Miley, and aprons and pot holders were being sent to the Missionary Provision Closet.

Secretary Charleen Janes gave the history of our auxiliary for the past year.

Pray for us that we may help win lost souls for Christ.

Helen Underwood  
Corresponding Secretary

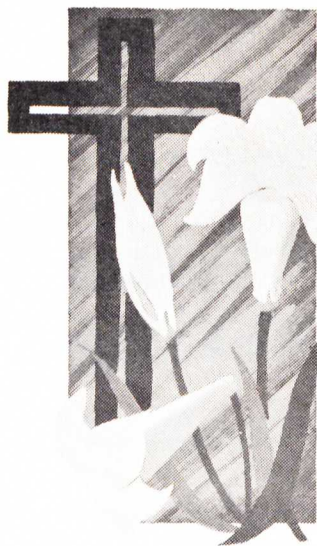
The Woman's Auxiliary of Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church met at the church Monday evening, February 3, with 12 members present. Meeting was called to order by President Gloria Carlson. Opening prayer was by Mamie Crase.

All reports were given and accepted, business was discussed, and the secretary-treasurer's report was read and received.

At our January meeting we voted to use the money we had in the treasury for the cause of Christ. We voted to send \$10 to the new church in Columbia, Missouri and \$10 to the new church in Blythville, Arkansas. Program Chairman Bernice Cantrell presented our *Co-Laborer* lesson, "How Hungry Are You?" Scripture from Matthew 5:6 and John 6:51 was given by Doris Brown, Blanch Wisheart and Geneva Sorrell. Each topic was well presented. Some interesting points were made about both physical and spiritual things of life. Meeting was closed with prayer by Ora Wisheart.



## **SPRING REVIVAL**



Spring is on its way and as we think of coming spring we think of the second coming of Christ, and revival time.

We think of souls being saved. But usually the evangelist has to preach to the so-called Christians that have gotten *cold* during the winter month to get them revived before he can preach a message to the sinners.

Let us as Christians get started now to get our hearts in tune with God so when time comes for our spring revivals, the evangelist won't have to preach his heart out to us before he can preach a sinner's message. Let us prepare ourselves for revival so our hearts can be blessed by seeing souls saved.

And women of our auxiliaries, when we have our Pre-Easter week of prayer, let's have a week of prayer, not one or two nights a week, but let's sacrifice at least one hour a day in this particular week for the Lord. How much time are we putting in, thinking about that new Easter bonnet or that new dress? Yes, we are thinking about that outward appearance, but how about that inward part? Let's not put so much emphasis on the outward appearance that we let the inward part get all cluttered up. What really is important and worth sacrificing for is Christ. "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Samuel 16:7).

We can't be a soul winner for Christ and expect souls to be saved in our revivals if we as Christians are lukewarm. If it takes a lot of praying for our hearts to get in tune with God for us to be a soul winner, then let's humble ourselves before Him and pray.

State Personal Service Chairman  
Jo Pingleton  
616 N 4th St.  
Thayer, Mo. 65791

# **Bible College News**

## **MISSOURI PASTOR JOINS BIBLE COLLEGE STAFF**

The Reverend Tom Malone, a 1963 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and pastor of the Fellowship Church in Flat River, Missouri, has been recently employed by the Bible College's Office of Development.

Reverend Malone's duties will include making contacts and holding special services for the school's expansion program. He will be working in close association with Evangelist Jack Paramore, director of the Bible College Department of Development.

Reverend Malone moved to Nashville in March to take up his responsibilities for the college.

## **SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR COLLEGE'S 26th BIBLE CONFERENCE**

The Reverend Malcolm Fry of Tucson, Arizona, and the Reverend Billy Morris of Norfolk, Virginia, have recently accepted invitations to speak at the Bible College's 26th annual Bible Conference, scheduled for April 6-10.

Rev. Fry, pastor of the Tucson First Church, is recognized throughout the denomination as a man with a message and a song, greatly blessed with the ability to deliver both.

Rev. Morris, 1952 Bible College graduate and pastor of the Hyde Park Church, is noted for his extensive factual knowledge of the Bible and concise Scriptural outlines.

Record-breaking crowds in excess of 1,000 are expected. Use of a local auditorium for evening conference services will relieve much of the congestion suffered in the school's Memorial Auditorium.

Alumni are especially urged to attend the conference and the annual Alumni Association meeting held during the conference.

## **BIBLE COLLEGE REPORTS ANNUAL ENROLLMENT**

Dr. Robert Picirilli, Free Will Baptist Bible College Registrar, has reported that a total of 456 students attended the school during the current school year. The registration for second semester numbered 340 students.



# MISSION NEWS



January 22, 1969

Dear Brother Hill:

You are to be commended for the new appearance of *The Free Will Baptist Gem*. The articles are also interesting.

I appreciate the missionary emphasis and information you give your readers. This helps to further stimulate their concern for our overseas ministry.

I commend the Free Will Baptists of Missouri for their giving in 1968. They gave \$35,149.80 in 1967 and \$35,849.88 in 1968. We only had six states to exceed their quota and we were \$55,000 below our budget for last year. We have curtailed some of our work but believe that God will supply our needs this year.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely in Christ,  
J. Reford Wilson,  
General Director

## FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

### I. MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

1. Home on Furlough—  
Brazil: Coscias, Eagletons, Robirds  
Ecuador: Pat Tyson, Ella Rae Jones  
India: Hannas  
Ivory Coast: Aldridges, Gages, Paynes
2. On leave of Absence—  
Phippses, Mary Ellen Rice
3. Appointees to Ivory Coast—  
Bryans and Cousineaus
4. New Missionaries sent in 1968—  
Richardses, McLains, Lees, Haases, Crafts
5. Due for Furlough in 1969—  
Molly Barker, Calverys, Combses, Joneses, Mayhews,  
Wadds, Wilkinsons

### II. MISSIONARY PROJECTS

1. Project 5000  
Japan project established to secure loan fund for development of churches. Immediate need is Pastor

Osawa San's church in Tokyo. Projects to go out in June will call for support for missionary appointees—Bryans and Cousineaus.

2. Willey Memorial Fund  
Established at death of Thomas H. Willey, Sr. for purpose of assisting church construction in Panama.
3. Assistance for France Church  
An important step in helping Merkh's Nante mission toward securing permanent facilities for meetings.
4. Ivory Coast Literature Center  
Joint effort with the Christian and Missionary Alliance and the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society in establishing French literature center at Abidjan. No target date announced. Plans call for reading, publishing, distribution goals.
5. Brazil Church Building Loan Fund
6. Uruguay Bible Institute

### II. REPORTS FROM FIELDS

1. *Brazil*: Rev. Eugene Waddell, member of the foreign missions board, visited here first two weeks in January. Attended Brazil field council meet. Waddell also visited Uruguay, Ecuador and Panama.
2. *India*: Carlisle Hanna secured a "no objection to return" commitment from the Indian government before returning to the States in December. Dan Cronk is engaged in village ministries at Kishanganj.
3. *Ivory Coast*: A new village was entered by Bill Jones and LaVerne Miley in December near Doropo. Fifteen prayed. There are 25 to 30 to be baptized.
4. *France*: First Bible study was started by Dan Merkh October 25, 1967. Children's class started January 28, 1968, averages 15 in attendance. Young people's Bible study began January 27, 1968, with 10 to 15 attending. Sunday morning services started January 28, 1968 and church family numbers 31. Planning special campaign March 7-14. The group is attempting to set up permanent sanctuary.
5. *Japan*: McLains continue into second year of language study. Herbert Waid is preparing national pastor, Bonde San, to take over his work when he returns to States for furlough.
6. *Cuba*: Reports to home office indicate continued activity of Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists. Skeptics say absence of youth in lieu of Castro directives will kill the church.



#### IV. STATESIDE

1. 1969 Theme: "Who Cares"

Bulletin inserts, information cards, directories, and missionary photo maps under way.

April 6: Day of Prayer

April 13: Personal Commitment

April 20: Gift for Missions

2. Missions Call-a-thon set for April 20.

3. *Heartbeat* circulation reached 44,411 Dec. 31.

4. Finance: 1967 increase was \$85,000.

1968 increase was \$8,000.

Operational Fund, decreased from \$22,636.27 in March to \$11,713.13 in November, increased again to \$23,000 in December because of absorption of CERF deficit of \$6,000 and drop in giving. We missed our budget of 1968 by \$55,000. Fortunately, we cut spending, to the detriment of missionary work and operational necessities, by \$70,000 to get under the wire Ceiling for 1968 had been set at \$581,367.96.

5. December Board Meeting encouraging to home staff. Interviews with missionaries home on furlough. Prospects for 1969 are bright. Moves toward stabilized monthly support for missionaries will be stressed. *Total Ministry Cost* will be emphasized. Efforts to get more pastors involved will be intensified.

#### HOME MISSION NEWS

*The Arthur Billowses* of Mexico are now in their eleventh year of work. Mrs. Billows is feeling better, but please continue to pray for her.

*The Leslie Carneys* of Trenton, New Jersey, report "I visited 82 homes, preached 12 sermons, and we have had three saved and two rededications. New doors have been opened to us and the added blessings have brought joy to our hearts."

*The Luther Sanderses* of Hawaii, wrote, "Our six preacher boys did a great job and the congregation was able to get a great deal of work done on the new building while we were on the Mainland."

*The Norlin Joneses* of Jackson, Tennessee, hope to break ground for the first unit of their new building within the next few weeks.

*The John Postlewaites* of Vancouver, Washington report an average attendance of 45. Weather conditions have hindered their attendance (8 inches of snow and 30 degrees).

*David Cochrane* was to be married on January 3 in the church at Monterrey, Mexico, but the date has been changed.

*Miss Bessie Yeley* (retired) Portsmouth, Ohio, passed away January 23. Funeral services were January 25 in Portsmouth.

*The Mark Vandivorts* of Columbia, Missouri, report that three new members have been added to their church. Pray for their financial needs so they might soon be able to begin building their church.

*The Mack Owenses* say their church is doing good. They have had a few days of revival with good results.

*The E. B. Ledlows* of Decatur, Alabama, have added four to their church since it was organized January 7.

*The Larry Powells*, Virgin Islands, have received plans for their church building. They are optimistic about their ministry.

*The Jim Nasons* of Bangor, Maine (Orono) report that the future looks bright. Please be much in prayer for them.

*The Fred McCoys*—Brother McCoy is doing deputation work in Oklahoma. Pray for him as he travels and for his family while he is away.

*The Robert Francises*—Brother Francis will be doing deputation work in Arkansas February 23 — March 2. Please pray for him and for his family.

*The Levy Coreys*—The Lord has certainly blessed the work in Meridian. Continue to pray for their ministry.



*The Fred McCoys*



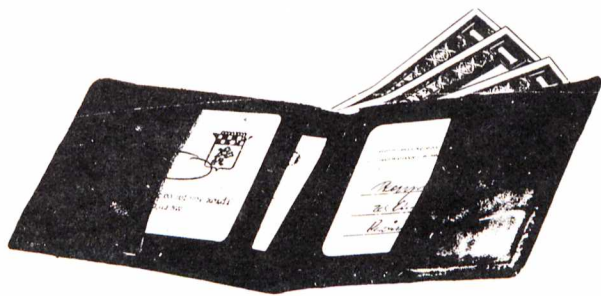
*The Larry Powells*



*The John Postlewaites*



# Missionary Giving From Missouri



## MISSOURI HOME MISSION GIVING

Melba White, Grower	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Chandler, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Mrs. L. P. Fry, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Mrs. Faye Hilton, MOnett	50.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	20.00
Myrtle FWB Ch.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Farmington FWB Fellowship S.S. Class	10.00
The Lone Star FWB Ch., Seymour	53.30
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Mays, St. Ann	15.00
South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	33.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB Ch., Urbana	10.00
First FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove	4.00
Mites for Missions	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vencie Long, Hartville	5.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	45.00
Alton FWB Woman's Auxiliary	24.00
New HOME FWB Ch., Hartville	30.00
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd E. Green, Lee's Summit	2.50
Mr. & Mrs. Glen E. Thurston, Kansas City	40.00
Columbia FWB Ch.	5.00
First FWB Ch., Monett	20.00
Leslie L. Hanson, St. Louis	5.75
Victory FWB Ch., Avondale	23.08
Liberty FWB Ch., Phillipsburg	106.93
Mr. & Mrs. Alvie Francis, St. Louis	10.00
Richwood FWB Ch., Richwood	10.00
Overland FWB Ch.	25.00
Kirkville FWB Ch.	1.00
Central FWB Ch., Kansas City	7.70
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River, Mo.	10.00
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Cooperative Plan	191.41
Myrtle FWB Ch.	5.00
Macedonia FWB Ch., Monett	275.00
South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	10.00
Rev. & Mrs. Lesley L. Lagsdon, St. Louis	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. Alvie Francis, St. Louis	10.00
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	2.00

Total \$1,107.67

## MISSOURI FOREIGN MISSION GIVING JANUARY, 1969

Cooperative Plan	416.10
Valentine Arnold, Florissant	40.00
H. Woodrow Matthews, Raytown	10.00
Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	8.00
Louella Beeson, Cassville	60.00
Melba White, Gower	25.00
Hickory Grove FWB Ch., Harrisonville	37.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	235.00
Hannon FWB Ch., Liberal	28.00
South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	218.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown, Mo	40.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	2.50
Otto McCormack, Springfield, Mo.	2.00
Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Mays, St. Ann	45.00
Myrtle FWB Ch.	56.81
Rev. T. O. Hutchison, Neosho	1.00
New Harmony Sunday School, Greentop	36.32
Leadington FWB Ch.	25.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	147.50
Alton FWB Ch.	13.00
Alton FWB Woman's Aux.	5.00
First FWB Ch., West Plains	27.62
Union Light FWB Ch., Marquand	32.49
CTS Fredericktown, FWB Ch., Fredericktown	50.00
First FWB Ch., Mountain Grove	296.00
Beacon FWB Ch., Lee's Summit	15.00
Houston FWB Ch.	10.00
Victory FWB Ch., Avondale	10.00
George Martin, Springfield	5.00
Oak Grove FWB Ch., Norwood	123.00
Fellowship Class, FWB Ch., Farmington	13.00
Farmington, FWB Ch.	163.85
Twin City FWB Ch., Festus	22.57
Verdella FWB Ch., Aux., Liberal	10.00
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirksville	116.36
New Rock Springs Ch., Cabool	17.00
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Mrs. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Milford House, Gower	5.00
Cuba FWB Ch., Cuba	10.00
Union Grove FWB Ch., Norwood	58.50
Columbia FWB Ch., Columbia	31.65
Alton FWB Ch.	5.00
George J. Brown, Myrtle	10.00
First FWB Ch., Springfield	132.96
Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis	10.00
Macy Gregory, Hartville	5.00
Gilbert Fortney, Springfield	5.00
Victory FWB Ch., Avondale	23.08
Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Grace FWB Ch., Arnold	70.44
Richwoods FWB Ch., Richwoods	40.00
Wolf Creek Ch., Mansfield	31.58
Parkview FWB Ch., Desloge	59.50
Aulsbury FWB Ch., Bonne Terre	22.50
Woman's Aux., Cuba FWB Ch., Cuba	3.00
Kirkville FWB Ch.	85.40
W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Ernest Clift, Marshfield	6.00
Central FWB Ch., Kansas City	50.81
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	147.00
Eli F. Stephens, St. Louis	20.00
Hillard Gray, Farmington	10.00
Columbia FWB Ch.	68.87
Hazel Creek FWB Ch., Kirksville	92.00
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
Myrtle FWB Ch.	39.00
Kirkville FWB Ch.	409.11
South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	136.00
Macedonia Ch., Monett	200.00
Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Low Ground Ch., Novinger	5.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Rev. H. Woodrow Matthews, Raytown	10.00
First FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove	38.00
Phillip Fry, Mountain Grove	8.00
Mel's Chapel, Cassville	32.48
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00

Total \$4,286.00



## Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY

The Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting assembled January 4 with the Garfield Free Will Baptist Church. Twenty-One churches were represented, plus the newly organized Byrd Free Will Baptist Church near Myrtle, Missouri. Soul-stirring messages were delivered by Rev. Skiles and Rev. Lewis. Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative Program. One third of their churches contribute regularly to the co-operative fund, some others contribute designated offerings to the various missions departments and to an orphanage.

Sunday morning, January 5, Grover Pingleton conducted a funeral service near Alton, Missouri. I was glad to supply for him in our Thayer Free Will Baptist Church at that hour.

O'Bethel Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Madison County Quarterly Meeting January 10,11. Rev. Huffman delivered the sermon Friday evening and Rev. Earl Ames delivered the 11 a.m. sermon Saturday. Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative Program. They support this program generously, plus giving to missions.

Pastor Melvin Howell began as pastor of Union Light Church, January 12. I was privileged to be guest minister for the morning service. Our church shares equal time with our Congregational Methodist Church here. Brethern, let us be reminded we still have other evangelical, fundamental congregations contending for the true faith once delivered to the saints, as earnestly as our church.

I attended the Friday evening service of St. Francis Quarterly Meeting January 24, held in the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. The participation and emphasis for this service was for our youth. Rev. Malone, pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, delivered the principle sermon Saturday morning as his farewell to the district meeting. He has assumed new duties in another denominational department.

St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting assembled with Faith Free Will Baptist Church Friday evening, January 24-25. Twelve churches were represented, plus one new congregation approved for organization. Rev. Bill Evans delivered the Friday evening sermon and Rev. Harry Asher the Saturday morning message. Time was given to promote our Missouri Co-operative Program.

January co-operative receipts were real good. We received more than 50 contributions. Therefore, we are exactly on schedule at the halfway margin.

Remember, religious supplies are available at Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

### January 1969; Co-operative Receipts:

Mill Creek	Oct.-Dec.	\$ 75.96
Parkview	Dec.	120.92
Lebanon First	Dec.	200.00
Fredericktown	Oct. Dec.	391.90
Mt. Grove First	Dec.	244.81
Myrtle	(3) Mo.	160.52
Olivette	Dec.	81.25
First FWB, West Plains		78.00
Hannon	Dec.	56.00
Viburnum	Dec.	49.77
Pleasant Hill	Dec.	10.00
Jones Chapel	Dec.	10.00
New Harmony Sunday S.	Dec.	7.09
Eldorado First	Dec.	6.10
Sunnyview	Jan.	13.31
Alton	Dec.	12.00
Beacon	Dec.	162.00
Leadington	Dec.	194.00
Monett	Dec.	98.44
Berkley	Dec.	335.53
Carterville	Dec.	16.56
Thayer	Dec.	55.55
Union Light	Jan.	10.00
Pleasant Hill S.S.		
%Mission Association	Dec.	15.00
Victory	Dec.	237.74
Farmington	Dec.	150.29
Salem	Jan.	20.00
Hurryville	(3) Mo.	267.00
Merl's Chapel	Dec.	28.55
Monett		121.69
Flat River First		272.65
Hickory Grove	Jan.	20.00
Granby	Jan.	14.55
New Home	Jan.	10.05
Rock Chapel	Dec.-Jan.	45.61
Copper Mines	Jan.	45.00
Grace	Dec.	307.00
Rich Woods	Jan.	96.08
Cope % Mission Assn.	Jan.	13.32
Kirkville	Jan.	30.00
Desoto	Jan.	65.90
Aulsbury Chapel	(3) Mo.	112.05
Belton	Jan.	53.12
Mine La Motto	Jan.	13.48
Fellowship	Jan.	50.00
Grant Ave.	Jan.	184.00
O'Fallon	Jan.	29.19
First FWB West Plain	Jan.	69.00
South Side	Jan.	150.00
New Harmony S.S.	Jan.	5.02
Garfield	Jan.	21.73
Waynesville First	Nov.-Dec.	105.70
Parkview	Jan.	105.21
Willow Springs	Jan.	48.32
A Co-operative Friend		3.04
		\$5,100.00
Total receipts	Jan.	\$5,100.00
52.00% National FWB Assn.		\$2,652.00
1.00% Missouri CTS & S.S.		51.00
1.00% Missouri Superannuation		51.00
3.75% Missouri GEM Paper		191.25
4.00% Youth Camp		204.00
14.90% Promotional Department		714.00
8.25% General Fund		420.75
16.00% Missouri State Missions		816.00
Disbursed 100% Total amt.		\$5,100.00