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Time is God's gift to mortal man;  
It is that fleeting little span  
Between our birth and heaven's door  
Where we begin God's evermore  
When time is o'er.

How then should we our time employ,  
In service, or, in passing joy?  
Can we afford to throw away  
And squander time in passing play,  
O men of clay?

—Rev. R. E. Neighbour

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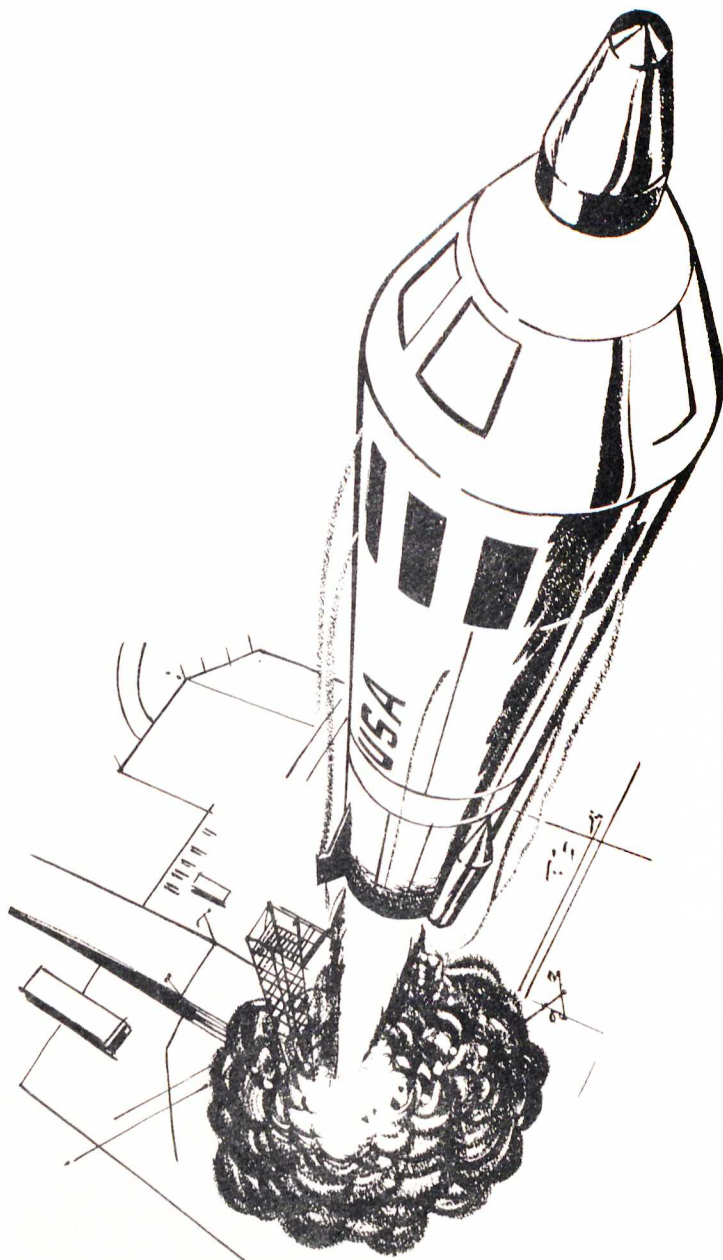
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Bud Hill

# 500,000 BACK APOLLO PRAYERS



"In the beginning, God created  
the heaven and the earth . . ."



SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI) — Pearl white petitions emblazoned "evil triumphs when good men do nothing" and containing the signatures of over half a million persons who support public prayer from space were turned over to the Space Agency here.

The petitions were presented to Paul Haney, Space Agency public relations chief, by Mrs. Loretta Fry, who has a religious show on a Detroit radio station and the Rev. Fred Taylor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio.

They were an answer to Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, who said earlier she would go to court if any religious utterances were heard from Apollo 9 Astronauts James A. McDivitt, David R. Scott and Russell L. Schweickart.

Mrs. O'Hair, Austin, Texas led the fight to remove prayers from public schools and also protested Apollo 8 astronauts reading from the Bible during their Christmas time moon mission.

Haney said officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would have no objections if the Apollo 9 spacemen decided to pray publicly during their mission.

"Prayer and religion is such a personal thing we would not attempt to dictate it to any of our employees," Haney said.

"I don't know when I've heard a more straightforward and touching tribute," Haney said in accepting the petitions. "I think this will go on now that you've sown the seeds."

Taylor, who also conducts a religious program in Bowling Green, Ohio, said Mrs. O'Hair was a "rabble rouser and a seeker of notoriety."

"She may feel she's God's No. 1 enemy but she's not," Taylor said. "God's No. 1 enemies are the hypocrites in the church. They are doing a great job of destroying these United States."

"In a way I'm thankful for Madalyn Murray O'Hair because she's waking up real Americans," he said.

321 S. McDonel  
Lima, Ohio  
Brother Hill,

This article appeared in "The Lima News," and we thought you might print it. Maybe some one would enjoy reading what some Free Will Baptists are doing in this area.

There is no Free Will Baptist church in Lima. We do plan to visit the Toledo church.

Leonard and Mary Lou Lynch

# GLEANINGS



## FROM THE FIELDS

Brother Bud Hill and *Gem* Readers,

The Lord continues to bless Fourth Church in His many marvelous ways.

Since it has been some time since I last sent in a report of the Lord's work here, I'll go back to October 1968, when God sent Rev. Johnnie Land to be our pastor.

We feel it was much fervent prayer that brought Brother Land our way, and we give thanks unto the Lord.

Soon after he took over the pastoral duties of the church God opened the way, and the remaining \$17,500 in bonds were sold in just a few weeks.

We were able to once again move ahead with our new auditorium. At present, it is very near completion and we plan on the first service April 6, 1969, Easter Sunday, with dedication services the following Sunday, April 13.

Seemingly, it has been a long struggle, this building of God's house. The devil was always on hand to slow the working in any way that he could. And there were many.

But we give thanks for all the church members who withstood the ways of the devil and, through the grace of God, now stand fast in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

The Sunday school has once again begun to grow. Brother Louis Willhite, our General Director, and Brothers Bill Vancil and Guy Gilliam, our Junior department directors, along with our pastor, have been working with our young people and, thank the Lord, they are responding with regular attendance and are bringing visitors, and are doing work for the Lord.

The church is growing, also, with several being saved and others joining by letter.

Rev. Land, our pastor, is truly a man of God, a minister of the gospel who sends out his message with power. He is no stranger in our state. He was in evangelistic work for over a year. Many, many precious souls found and accepted Christ as Savior through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit instilled through his preaching of the Word.

One of our young people entered Free Will Baptist Bible College in December. Sister Judy Hovis is a fine Christian girl, completely dedicated to the Lord. We pray that God will continue to bless and use her in the winning of the lost.

I guess one of the most memorable nights of the church was February 11, 1969, when we voted to adopt the Cooperative Plan of support to our beloved denomination. Years ago, Fourth Church adopted the plan, but in the following years, due to lack of financial support, had to cancel it.

Since readopting the plan, there has been an increase in our regular offerings for which we give thanks. It shows that the church believes in world-wide missions.

In March we were privileged to have a part in the St. Louis District Missionary Conference. Rev. Louis Coscia, our missionary to Brazil, was with us on Wednesday night. And Rev. Bill Jones, our missionary to Africa, was with us on Sunday night. Both services were very well attended and the church sent offerings to each.

The church will begin a revival May 19 with Rev. Jim McAllister, pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, as the evangelist. We invite everyone to be with us in these services. If there was ever a time that Christians needed to be closer to God, it is now.

There is so much sin on every hand. The devil is always ready with his temptations to the Christian, trying to turn him aside from the ways of the Lord.

Only by walking close to our Master can we say to the devil, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

In closing, we ask your prayers as we labor together in this vineyard. There are so many lost in sin, and seemingly, so little time to lead them to an altar of prayer that they might know the saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you all,  
Leamon Killian

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### GONE HOME

Brother Shelby Smith, deacon at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, passed away April 18, 1969. He had been a deacon in the church for a number of years. His loss will be felt in the church.

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the lovely name of our dear Lord Jesus from the Desoto Free Will Baptist Church. "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever."

On March 1, we gathered at our church for a very beautiful and wonderful ordination service. Two men who had been on trial for six months as deacons were to be ordained. Our service opened with our pastor, Rev. Charles Miller, in charge and reading scripture from Acts 14:21-22. Rev. Jim O'Dell led us in prayer.

Rev. James Barker was selected to bring the ordination sermon. Rev. Barker chose his scripture from Acts 6:1-7, using for his text verse 7: "And the Word of God increased and the number of disciples multiplied." He also spoke of the Great Commission given to the Church from Mark 16:15. He told us how important the altar was to Moses and Abraham. This made us realize how important the old mourners' bench is to us in our day and how effective it still is. He spoke of the problems of a growing church during the apostles' times and how they called the church together to select seven men full of the Holy Ghost to ordain them as deacons to help bear the burdens of the church. He also made us realize the responsibility of the deacons and what a high office they hold. This sermon was very inspiring and enlightening.

Rev. Jim O'Dell was selected to give the charge to Brother Henry Stephen and Brother Danny Rider, Sr., who were to be ordained. These went forth with their wives. Rev. O'Dell gave the charge, telling them they must trust in the Lord, bring all things to Him, stand fast in the faith, and to use their office of deacon to bring glory to the name of God. These knelt at the altar while Brother Ed Circuline prayed the ordination prayer, with laying on of hands by the presbytery. We then had a handshake, singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Brother Albert Tucker dismissed with prayer. This was truly a great service with God blessing in a wonderful way.

On Sunday night, March 2, we had another great service. We had the Lord's Supper and foot washing. Some had never been in one of these services and it was the first time a service like this was held in our new church. There was a great number who took the Lord's Supper and also the foot washing. There were 37 in all and it was so wonderful to see so many of our young people taking part in this service. We have a wonderful group of young people who are consecrated Christians and are hard workers and faithful to the cause of Christ. The Lord blessed in this service and our hearts were made to rejoice because of His presence in our midst.

March 9 was youth night. The youth of our church had full charge of the service. We were very happy and blessed to have the Lebonaires with us that night. These are a group of teenagers who have surrendered their singing talent to the Lord, and who do a good job singing the gospel. One of our young ladies, Linda Stephen, brought the gospel message. Taking her scripture from Luke 15:1-7, her text was "Searching," using the parable of the prodigal son, and

describing the different things people search for in the Bible. She brought her message to fit in with the young people of our day who are searching for something and not knowing what for. This message was brought with the Spirit of God and all hearts were blessed.

We don't have the words to tell you all the Lord has been doing for us in Desoto. He is a wonderful God. We give Him the praise and glory for all things. I would like to close this letter with this scripture taken from Isaiah 35:8: "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, the way of holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein."

God bless everyone and pray for us.

Sister Ackerson, reporter

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I have thought I would write many times since we met in 1966 at the Youth Camp in Niangua but I suppose you have had similar experiences. It must be the human in each of us. I want to say you are doing a fine job as editor of the *Gem* and I hope you continue the fine work.

In particular, though, I would like to ask you to do me a favor. This is the mid-semester break for University of Missouri where I attend, and my wife and I have been discussing and praying about going back into pastoral work at the end of this year's work or at least after the summer session of school. Would you print a letter for me in this regard? I am a junior at the present and would like to go in to full-time service in the pastorate of a church that would allow me to continue in a reduced schedule to finish my senior year. I have been keeping a schedule of 40 hours in a machine-shop and 15 hours of college one semester and 17 and 19 two other semesters with the same work load (40 hours).

I have felt strongly impressed by the Lord that He wishes me to pastor at this time again but really don't know how to go about it. Brother Glen Rehkopf of Grace church in Arnold suggested I write you.

I am presently a junior at the University of Missouri and have had some pastoral work before entering the Missouri Baptist College. My wife, son 10, and daughter 6, have been praying for the leadership of the Lord to a definite field of new service. If you need a pastor and feel moved of God to contact me for further information, please call me at 427-2274 or write Rev. Vergel Maness, 2702 Summit, St. Louis, Missouri 63114.

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Dear Brother Bud,

We at the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church are happy to announce that Rev. Wayne Adrian has accepted the pastorate of our church. Rev. Adrian came to us from the Fourth Church. He and his wife, Betty, are the parents of two children. Please pray for us that we might grow in grace and number.

Corresponding Secretary  
Dorothy Cordin

## GLEANINGS (con't.)

### Viburnum Free Will Baptist Church

On February 23, our pastor, Rev. Darrell Morris, and others from our church along with a group from the Assembly of God Church in Viburnum went to Belleview Nursing Home for services with the shut-ins. Special music was furnished by Brother and Sister Hershel Moyers and Brother Rodgers from Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church. A patient at the nursing home was converted and later baptized.

During the morning service March 9, we were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ames join our church.

At the evening worship we had the Inspiration quartet with us. This fine quartet along with their pianist delivered inspirational messages in song. We were blessed with one conversion during this service, Mrs. Niva Raye Holt.

On the 16th, we were privileged to have Rev. Jerry Parrett bring the morning message. He will graduate from the Bolivar Baptist College May 23.

Every fifth Sunday we observe communion and foot washing. Rev. Lloyd Ice from the Hickory Grove Assembly of God Church brought the message for our March 30 service. We were happy to have Brother and Sister Ice take part in the communion services that followed. The spirit of

the Lord was felt and everyone received a wonderful blessing.

The Lord has really been blessing our services and results have been shown. In the last week the following decisions have been made with rededication or conversions: Jo Ann Francis, David Reeves, and Mrs. Margie Shaner. These, along with Mrs. Holt, are fine young people, and with prayers and encouragement they can be a guiding light to others they come in contact with. So let's give them our prayers and set examples for them!

The inside of our church has taken on a new look. The upstairs and basement has had a paint job. The woman's auxiliary has been working toward the goal of purchasing a carpet for the church. This has finally been accomplished. We've done the best we could. "We've rolled out the red carpet for you all." So "come one, come all" and worship the Lord with us. Also due to the labor of Sister Chris Pinkley and Sister Sue Morris we have curtains in our basement. Thanks to everyone and an extra blessing to each one for their work on the church.

We are planning a vacation Bible school for June 9th. We covet your prayers that it will be a successful one and also that our church will continue to grow.

Sister Betty Ferrell, reporter

Rev. Darrell Morris, pastor

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1968-69

	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	
Farmington	136	140	130	199	161	154	160	150	161
Southside, St. Louis	126	118	124	112					
Trinity, St. Louis	122	128	126		131	131	149	145	142
Kirksville	124	130	134	141	134	134	136	135	144
Grant Ave., Springfield	160	174	176	194	186	181	174	184	184
Viburnum Church	46	42	44	40	43	46	38	36	46
Mine La Motte	38	25	25	28	25	23		28	
KoshKonong	56	60	56	63	61	60	51	51	55
First, Mtn. Grove	301	284							
Desloge	86	77	87	89	77	83	90		
Hannon	59	58	56	58	60	53	58		
Leadington		120					146	140	180
Copper Mines	88	109	92				75	82	81
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	115	124	108	125	116	103	108	116	144
West Plains	124	124	124	133	129		133		138
First, Lebanon	97	99	129	114	123	119	129		118
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		42
Desoto	55	63	61	54	58	65	56		58
Thayer	132	128	128	118	120	116	111		116
Overland	161	157	212	208		186		215	226
Salem	21	25	26	30	34	31	26		40
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	94	90	90	80	89	85	85	76	92
Twin Oaks Church	45	51					39		
Fellowship Church	223	208					253		
Richwoods Church	61	56	57				44	34	40
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	47	47	36	35		
Liberty, Phillipsburg	63	60	51	45	37				
Parkview									101

# RECORDS AND REPORTS-

## HOW ABOUT YOURS?



What is a secretary? Why have a treasurer? What do they do for a woman's auxiliary? Why should I know anything about their work? Why aren't their reports more complete, more interesting, or more easily understood?

Perhaps you have asked, or heard someone else ask these same questions. Or, maybe you have even more questions concerning these two offices of our woman's auxiliary. Although a complete detailed report of the work of these two offices can not be given to you through this article at this time, there are a few thoughts I would like to bring to you.

Although it seems hard to believe, another year of woman's auxiliary work is about to be completed. Whether the year's work is completed, or just coming to an end, depends upon you as a member of your auxiliary.

To you, Miss Secretary and Mrs. Treasurer, I urge you to prayerfully and frequently read all the information concerning your office as given in the current *Woman's Auxiliary Manual* and the guides available through the WNAC office in Nashville, Tennessee.

Then, take a good look at the records you are keeping for your auxiliary. Are they accurate? Are they complete, without editorializing? Would someone who had not attended the meeting understand the business and reports by hearing your report?

This information is important now and will continue to be important as records, reference and history in the years to come.

To you, Mrs. Auxiliary Member, do you help in making these records by making your information complete and easily understood? You can help by seeing that your individual report slips are finished and handed to the secretary on time. Yes, you, Mrs. Auxiliary Member, should know the duties and requirements of *each* officer in the

woman's auxiliary, whether you are now holding an office or ever expect to hold an office or not.

How many times have you heard the final report as given by the state auxiliary or the national reports and said to yourself or others that you thought your reports did not include everything, or were in error in one way or another?

The national auxiliary office can only report the information as received from the state office. The state office can only report the money that goes through the state treasurer's office and the reports as they are received from the district secretaries and treasurers. The district reports can only be made as received from the local auxiliary. If your auxiliary does not belong to a district convention, then your reports should be made directly to the state office.

So you see, the final report can be no better than the reports of the local auxiliary and each of its members.

In Missouri the woman's auxiliary year ends in May. The reports should be completed and mailed to the next higher office as soon as possible.

All reports must be received by the state secretary and treasurer no later than June 5 to be included in this year's report.

As a reminder for you, the Auxiliary Achievement Charts are to be graded and displayed at the district meeting rather than the state meeting this year. The grade is to be shown on your annual reports.

Miss Hazel Hutsell,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention  
534 West North St.  
Mountain Grove, Missouri 65711



# Woman's Auxiliary

## MISSIONS POSSIBLE OR IMPOSSIBLE?

Missions possible or impossible? Hebrews 11:6—"But without faith it is *impossible*" or Mark 9:23, "All things are *possible*." The choice is ours to make.

Let's be positive concerning our outlook on missions. Be explicit, actual, direct, settled, having power to act directly on this all important act called missions! Let's protest against the negative!

An indispensable element in missions is "faith". If we have faith then we are assured of success. We have example after example of victorious faith from Abraham to Paul.

Is *your* mission field possible or impossible? Yes, you have a mission field! Do you like to visit? Why shouldn't you make a visit more than a social call? Here is an opportunity for serving the Lord - a call to win others for Him.

Jesus spent much of His time visiting in the homes. He knew the value of personal contact with people who needed His teaching. He commanded His followers to "go" into the world and teach the gospel. This is the way His Church goes forward. Each Christian has a responsibility to him with evangelism. Mark 9:23—"Jesus said unto Him, if thou canst believe, all things are *possible* to him that believeth."

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

\*Missions Packet in stock in WNAC office. These packets are available for only \$1.50.

\*Our State Project

"Help build a fort for the Vandivorts"

Pray daily for our state mission efforts.

Mrs. Peggy Davis  
State Missions Chairman  
18201 East 17th St. Ct.  
Independence, Missouri 64058

Dear Gem Readers,

We hope to find everyone in health and good spirits in this lovely springtime. Just a few notes to let you know about our recent auxiliary happenings.

We had a wonderful pre-Easter week of prayer April 1-3. On the 1st and 2nd we had our standard study course on Christian living. Sister Lucille Beatty presented the inspiring course on mental health. Our attendance for this was 13 ladies the first evening, and 9 ladies the second. On the third evening we presented a skit to the whole church body. It was on the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

We had our regular monthly meeting on April 14 with 10 members and one visitor present. We enjoyed the program on Africa women in our *Co-Laborer* magazine.

Some of our recent projects include the following: for March we gave a sacrificial offering for the Mark Vandivorts in Columbia, Missouri; for April we plan to purchase a toaster for youth camp.

Well, readers, this is all the latest news. Pray for us, that we might be able to do His divine will in all matters.

Corresponding Secretary  
Nancy Ferguson

The West Plains Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met April 3 with 10 members and one visitor present.

Opening song was "Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen." Prayer was led by Evelyn Daffron followed by a solo by Lounetta Spears, "Tell Me Why." Vice-president Eudene Adkisson read the scripture lesson from St. John 4:6-17. Prayer was by Nellis Gregory.

Each officer present reported as follows: Secretary-treasurer report was accepted. The corresponding secretary had sent 14 cards and 2 letters, and made one poster. A letter was read from Sam and June Wilkerson by the corresponding secretary for the mission chairman who was absent. The study course chairman reported plans for two more study courses soon. The program prayer chairman reported a good success on the pre-Easter program, with an offering of \$25 for foreign missions. The personal service chairman reported the auxiliary is furnishing food for a bereaved family.

The time of our regular meeting was changed from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Phyllis Miller, Lounita Spears, and Ella Mae Stephen were appointed as our nominating committee to select a slate of new auxiliary officers. Lounita Spears, Shirley Skiles, and Evelyn Daffron were appointed to see about a date and make plans for a bake food sale.

The program prayer chairman took charge of the lesson in our *Co-Laborer* book. "Today's Woman in Africa" was a very interesting lesson and topics were given by Nellis Gregory, Elaine Skiles, and Lounita Spears.

Effie Lou read two very good poems, "If Every

Auxiliary Member were Just Like Me, What Would Our Auxiliary Be?" and "Need a Revival."

After a good lesson we were dismissed in prayer by Eudene Adkisson.

Hattie Sims,  
Corresponding Secretary

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Trinity Church in Bridgeton, Missouri had a very interesting speaker at the Marie Hanna Woman's Auxiliary meeting in March. One of the church's own laymen, Mr. Ted Powers, was the speaker.

Mr. Powers was reared in a Catholic home, educated in Catholic schools, but later came to know Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He spoke to the women on the subject of Catholicism, how to witness to them, and gave us a better understanding of what Catholics believe and how they feel about their church and its sacraments.

It was an enjoyable evening, and two new members were added to the auxiliary, Mrs. Linda Robertson and Mrs. Carlette Herron.

Bea Colby,  
Corresponding Secretary

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The Berkeley Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary had its regular meeting April 2.

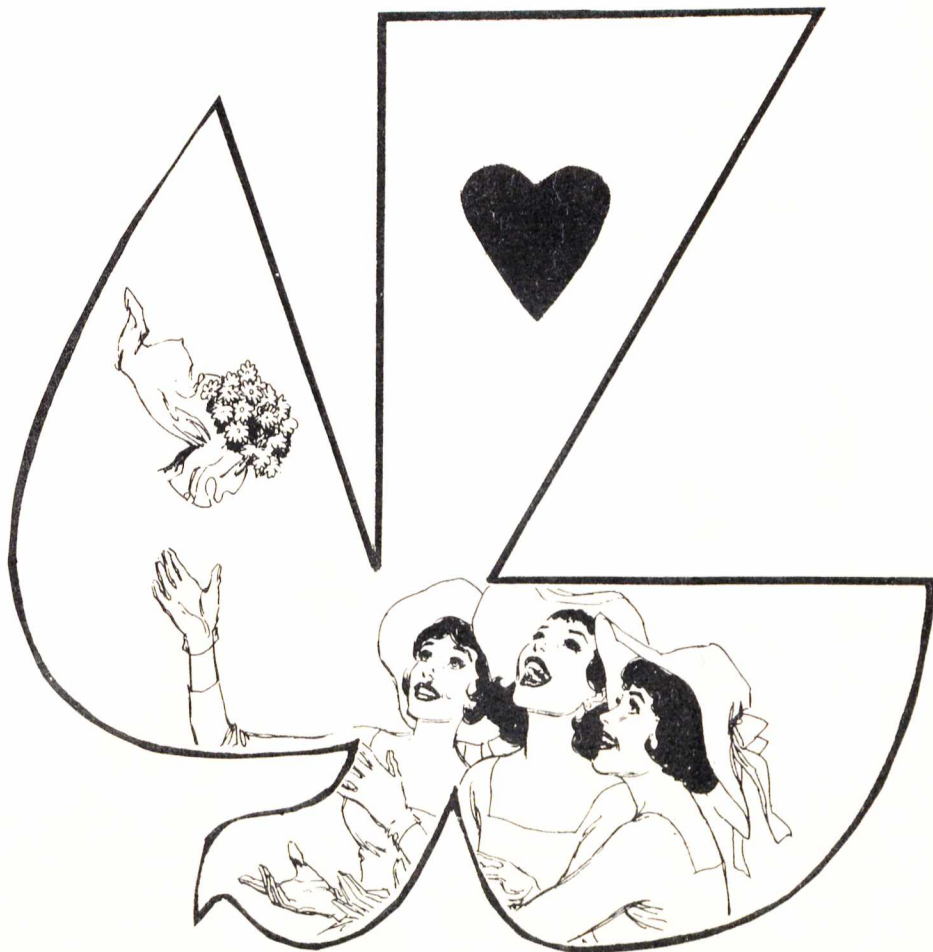
The meeting was opened with comments from our president. We each signed get-well cards to send to the sick of our church. Topics were given by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Snell. There were 21 present.

Pray for our auxiliary that we will do the will of the Lord, and that we will always set a good example to others.

Corresponding Secretary  
Verna Smith

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# **MISSION NEWS**



No doubt you have already begun to think about your vacation Bible school for this year. The Bible school movement has become a real blessing to all of our churches, and while some denominations are now minimizing its benefits, I feel that for Free Will Baptists it is one of the greatest opportunities to present Jesus Christ to men, women, boys and girls.

Missions is emphasized in vacation Bible school, and I hope that you will promote the National Home Missionary Program in your school. I would like to suggest that your offerings be sent to us for use in either Alaska, Puerto Rico or in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Maybe you would like to support some of our other national home missionaries or send your gift to the general fund. Of course, we want you and your people to do as you feel the Lord leads.

Please accept my thanks for what you and your church has done in the past and for what you are continuing to do to spread the gospel and build Free Will Baptist churches in North America.

I hope your vacation Bible school will be a great success and if there is any way we can help by supplying missionary material, let us know.

Yours for Christ and missions,  
Homer E. Willis  
General Director

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We have leased property for a year and had our first services on Easter Sunday here in Jackson. We are located at the corner of High and Monroe streets. Rev. Charles Moyers is the pastor. Anyone knowing of Free Will Baptists in or near Jackson, please send their address to O. J. Stone, Route 2, Jackson, Missouri.

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The Columbia, Missouri work continues to progress. They have had one soul saved recently. Continue to pray for the Vandivorts as they contact new people for the Lord.

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Arkansas Free Will Baptists have recently opened a new work in Blytheville, Arkansas. The mission is sponsored by the missions board and Arkansas Free Will Baptists.

The pastor of the new work is Brother Keith Johnson, a native of Missouri. If you have any contacts with people in the area of Blytheville, please send names and addresses to: Keith Johnson, 827 Mayfair Lane, Blytheville, Arkansas 72315.

## **NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**

We praise the Lord for the three souls that the Leslie Carneys saw come to the Lord recently. Also, one of their families has moved away. Pray that the Lord will send them more families to help in the church and pray that God will give Les and Cynthia strength and courage to work in a difficult area.

The month of February was one of the best for the Levy Coreys. A record offering was received one Sunday morning along with a record attendance of 69. They had two conversions and three people to join the church.

The Ledlows report that their average church attendance is up and they also had three conversions, one rededication, and four baptized into the church. Pray that the Lord will supply all their needs.

The Lord has been answering prayers for the Jim Nasons. They have been able to rent a building in which to hold their services. This was a direct answer to prayer as they had been asking the Lord for this building if it was His will. Also, they were able to get two weeks of advertising in one of the local papers which goes to every home within a 15-mile radius. Jim has had the opportunity to meet some people who will be a great help to the new work in Bangor.

The Norlin Joneses also have had three saved recently and four new members in their church.

Dave Cochrane reports that he, Brother Billows and the quartet had a wonderful tour in the States. The Lord blessed in all their services. Dave was recently married to Miss Alma Tristan.

The Aguirres spent the month of February at the Bible Institute at Monterrey. With Dave and Mr. Billows away, they were kept very busy helping at the Institute and with other necessary duties.

Please continue to pray for Mrs. Billows' physical condition. She still isn't very well.

# **MISSION NEWS IN LOCAL AREA**

# Missionary Giving From Missouri



## MISSOURI HOME MISSION GIVING

Central FwB Church, Kansas City	17.42
Mo. State Home Mission Board	433.33
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	10.00
Pleasant Ridge FwB Church, Urbana	10.00
Victory FwB Church, Avondale	38.12
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Henton, Farmington	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glen E. Thurston, Kansas City	10.00
Columbia FwB Church	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd E. Green, Lee's Summit	2.50
First FwB Church, Ever Ready S.S. Class, Monett	30.00
First FwB Church, Fredericktown	20.00
New Home FwB Church, Hartville	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vencie Long	5.00
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	2.00
First FwB Church, Mtn. Grove	5.00
FwB Ladies Auxiliary, Fredericktown	10.00
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite, Mtn. Grove	3.00
Leadington FwB Church	52.00
Mr. L. R. Riggs, Jennings	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Willhite, St. Louis	10.00
Fellowship FwB Church, Flat River	10.00
Cooperative Plan	139.76
Mr. & Mrs. Walden Robinson, Farmington	15.00
	\$963.13

## MISSOURI FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING March 1969

David A. Daffron, West Plains	\$ 5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Cuba FwB Church	3.00
Leadington FwB Church	20.00
Low Ground FwB Church, Novinger	5.00
Gertie L. Hellen, Farmington	10.00
Gateway FwB Church, St. Louis	50.00
L. D. Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Overland FwB Church	589.23
Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
New Rock Springs FwB Church, Cabool	20.00
O'Fallow FwB Church	17.15
Central FwB Church, Kansas City	68.67
Fellowship FwB Church, Flat River	141.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley	300.00
Fourth FwB Church, St. Louis	101.83
Grace FwB Church, Arnold	22.10
Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
First FwB Church, Monett	20.00
First FwB Church, Springfield	54.04
Pearl Alexander, Monett	10.00
W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Oak Grove Church, Norwood	148.94
Gilbert Fortney, Springfield	5.00
Hickory Grove FwB S.S., Archie	21.10
Alton FwB Church	10.00
First FwB Church, Neosho	5.00
Cuba FwB Church	10.00
New Harmony FwB Church, Kirksville	10.00
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
Gerald Watts, Seymour	10.00
Parkview FwB Church, Desloge	59.50
Wolf Creek FwB Church, Mansfield	28.81
Beacon FwB Church, Raytown	25.00
Tommy Hayes, Farmington	10.00
Garfield Sunday School, Thayer	20.00
W. Porter Clark, Belton	5.00
Milford House, Gower	5.00
Leadington FwB Church	9.50
Verdella FwB Church, Liberal	10.00
Master's Men, Thayer	5.00
Grace FwB Church, Arnold	28.75
Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	8.00
Mrs. Paul Dickens, Cuba	13.40
Pleasant Ridge Church, Urbana	5.00
George Martin, Springfield	5.00
Ken Stilwell, Kirksville	14.00
Koshkonong FwB Church	43.25
First FwB Church, Mtn. Grove	101.00
Ralph Matthews, Farmington	10.00
New Harmony S.S., Greentop	28.92
Aulsbury Chapel Church, Bonne Terre	45.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal	1.00
Columbia FwB Church	40.00
Fellowship Class, FwB Church, Farmington	13.00
Victory FwB Church, Avandale	58.12
Floyd E. Green, Lee's Summit	15.00
Cooperative Plan	536.06
First FwB Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Alton FwB Church	14.51
Mr. Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
Robert R. Reeves, Farmington	10.00
Marvin Cook, Independence	10.00
Pleasant Home Church, Mtn. Grove	6.02
Hannon FwB Church, Liberal	25.45
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
H. Woodrow Matthews, Raytown	10.00
Central FwB Church, Kansas City	49.20
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley	147.50
Lloyd D. Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Buford Winters, St. Louis	10.00
Betty Barnes, Fredericktown	3.50
Houston FwB Church	10.00
	\$3,237.55

## Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY

Saturday, March 1 fifteen churches of the Liberty Quarterly Meeting assembled with Niangua Free Will Baptist Church.

Elder Ezra Vestel delivered the sermon at 11:00 a.m. and Terry Scherneckher preached at 2 p.m. Four ministers ordained in this session were Cummins, Sherrar, Biggars, and Patton. Time was given to present our Missouri promotional plan of work.

Sunday morning March 2, I delivered the sermon in our Mashfield Church. This church is growing, and gives some support to our state work. Rev. William Reeves is the pastor. Sunday evening we dropped by the Cuba Church and had another good service with Pastor Cletus Nichols. The youth formed the choir in this service. The church reported having souls saved in recent services. They have completed four additional rooms to their Sunday school annex and also a pastor's study. Missionaries Louis and Florine Coscia, Frank Cousineau, and Bill Jones conducted our annual missionary services in the St. Louis district March 13 through Sunday night, March 16 in the following churches: Grace, Berkley, Fourth, Overland, O'Fallon, Gateway, Faith, and South Side. The response was good, and souls were saved in some of the services.

Pastor Irvin Florance and Happy Hill Church did a good job hosting Iacleda Quarterly Meeting March 29. Deacon Hamilton delivered the opening devotional message. Ministers preaching sermons were Willie Bennett, Boggs, and Fulkerson. They gave time for our Missouri promotional plan of work to which they contribute. Two new ministers were ordained in this session.

Niangua Quarterly Meeting assembled with Cedar Ridge Church Saturday evening March 29. Brother Long, one of their licensed ministers delivered the evening message. Sunday, Pastors Gardner, Hale, and Beatty each delivered a gospel sermon. The communion and foot washing service climaxed the afternoon service. New support was pledged to our Missouri Cooperative Program.

Twelve souls were saved in a recent revival at Grace

church. Rev. Lawrence Thompson was their evangelist. Real revival is the greatest need in our churches and in all America today.

### March Cooperative 1969

Independence	Jan.	\$ 27.00
Waynesville	Jan. & Feb.	134.27
Willow Springs	Feb.	45.18
Parkview	Feb.	98.82
Central	Feb.	120.00
Beacon	Feb.	123.46
Mt. Grove	Feb.	186.31
Berkley	Feb.	259.16
Sunnyview	Feb.	8.79
Hannon	Feb.	50.90
Salem		20.00
Farmington	Feb.	137.31
Garfield	Feb.	21.46
Smyrna Sunday School	Feb.	20.00
Granby	Feb.	17.70
Cartersville	Feb.	15.48
Victory	Feb.	196.84
First FWB, West Plain		50.00
Merl's Chapel	Feb.	19.03
Jones Chapel	Feb.	10.00
Grace	Jan. & Feb.	314.47
Fourth Free Will Baptist		
Maplewood, Mo. Readopted		85.32
Desoto	Jan.	57.60
Viburnum	Feb.	40.78
Thayer	Feb.	45.21
Union Light	Feb.	13.50
Olivette	Feb.	68.24
Monett		118.12
Leadington	Feb.	145.00
Hickory Grove		20.00
Rock Chapel	Mar.	19.93
St. Joseph FWB	Feb.	18.60
Belton	Mar.	52.55
Copper Mines		41.00
Black Oak	Jan., Feb. & Mar.	30.00
Fellowship		50.00
Twin Oak		75.00
Cope		13.05
Mine La Motte		17.33
South Side	Mar.	199.00
St. Joseph	Mar.	17.90
Willow Springs	Mar.	65.50
Sunnyview	Mar.	12.23
Salem	Mar.	20.00
Hurricaneville	Mar.	260.00
Received		<u>\$3,362.04</u>
Disbursed		
52.00% National Assn.		\$1,748.27
1.00% Mo. CTS & S.S.		33.62
1.00% Mo. Superannuation		33.62
3.75% Gem		126.07
4.00% Youth Camp		134.48
8.25% General Fund		277.37
14.00% Promotional		470.69
16.00% Mo. Missions		537.92
100% Disbursed total		<u>\$3,362.04</u>