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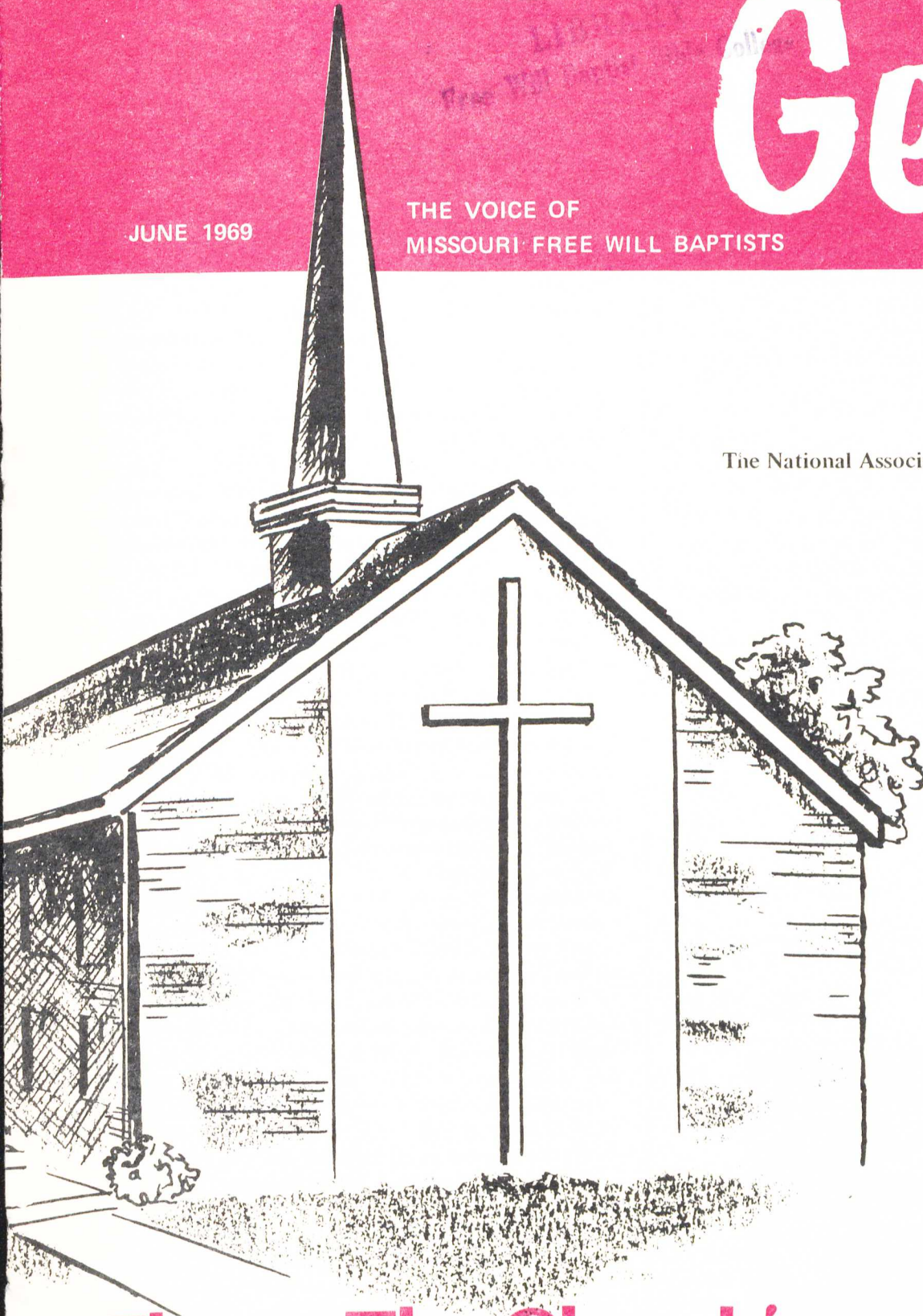
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Bud Hill

# What Is A Proper Philosophy?

Rev. Eddie Altis

Oklahoma Bible College Instructor

A recent rereading of Robert Frost's poem, "Birches," presented again the famous last line: "One could do worse than be a swinger of Birches."

In keeping with Frost's definition of poetry — "that which begins in beauty and ends in wisdom" — we are struck with the weight of the statement. "One could do worse than . . ." He could be a dope addict. He could be a drunk in the gutter, a murderer in a prison cell, or a traitor to his country in hiding in a foreign land. One *could* do worse. But, is that really the important issue?

Some years ago Claude M. Fuess wrote "The Retreat From Excellence." In this thought provoking essay he has asked us if perhaps many of our greatest problems are not the result of satisfaction with mediocrity, the average, the "One could do worse than . . ." attitude. He is concerned that the generations of the 1950's and 60's do not rather endorse the philosophy "One could do *better* than . . ." Should the average, the uniform, the static be an acceptable level of achievement?

Many are concerned that the conventional is not the answer to man's need in any area. Their idea that standing still is going backward and their mad rush to change the static condition in which they find themselves have caused a race from the mediocre to the bad, graphically illustrating "One could do worse than . . ." And for this, they have been soundly, if not justly, criticized. However, the criticism has been unjustly levelled at their dissatisfaction with the average, stagnate conditions and their desire for change.

To stand still *is* to go backward. Sociology, economics, and Christian character — as widely divergent as they may seem on the surface — all testify to this fact. A social order which is satisfied to remain static becomes a ghetto. An economic system which remains static will collapse. The Christian character that does not grow with an exerted energy will soon meet similar fate. Growth, innovations — in short, change — being far from out of place, are actually encouraged in the Christian's life.

When Paul recommended that we " . . . press toward the mark for the prize . . ." (Philippians 3:14), he is suggesting that we come out of the hum-drum and uneventful to make



I press toward  
the mark for the prize  
of the high calling  
of God in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:14*

a challenging bid for something beyond our reach. That we become dissatisfied with mediocrity and, by concerted effort, attain a higher goal. And he repeats almost the same admonition by the ringing challenge, "Run . . . that ye may obtain . . ." (1 Corinthians 9:24).

Jesus was no passivist either. The stinging rebukes with which he challenged those sodden in the lethargy of ritual and the uniformity of religious routine bear testimony to that. "Strive to enter in at the strait gate . . ." (Luke 13:24) is no slothful, listless admonition but demands radical activism. Entering at any "strait gate" requires more of men than the average concern and interest. High standards in living, working, or playing demand a competitive spirit that will not be satisfied with average. The respected statesman became more than the average because he fought through and above the petty, passive, "grave train" mediocrity where others were willing to stop. The great musician reached acclaim not through sluggish inattention, but by consistent discipline. The noted physician acquired a place of honor by dedicated study not by an attitude of indifference. The sports hero attained fame only after long hours of disciplined practice.

Just so, the Christian who will "strive to enter . . .," "... press toward . . .," or "run . . . to obtain . . ." will not do so by indulging in the attitude of "One could do worse than . . ." For striving, pressing, and running all presuppose aggressiveness, discipline, consistency, and dedication. The rich young ruler was satisfied with "One could do worse than keep the law" rather than realizing at Jesus' advice that one could do better, also. Doubtless Samson thought, "One could do worse than Delilah," but the record of the scripture bears out that one could do better, also. Perhaps David thought, "One could do worse than . . .," but bitter experience and God's prophet both forcibly brought the realization that "One could do better than . . ." Judas no doubt reasoned, "One could do worse than be concerned about the poor." And he did. Much worse.

Why should a young man, far away from home and having gotten a bad deal at the hand of almost everybody he knew, care? He was master of his master's house. Why not have his wife, too? But Joseph remembered, "One could do better than . . ." sin against God. He remembered that there is a higher level to life than the sensuous, the animalistic. Sex is a trust given of God. Joseph well knew there is no respect for the person who abuses a trust. He lived by the philosophy, "One could do better than . . ."

Why should a teenager with an outstanding personality

and so talented that he was chosen for training to personally serve and advise the king of Babylon, be concerned about the trivialities of a religious obligation that was centuries old and terribly demanding in his present situation? Why refuse to drink the wine and eat the forbidden meat? Who knew or cared anyway? Didn't he have to think about his present situation? Why not do the ordinary, the average, the accepted? "One could do worse than . . .," you know. But Daniel dared to believe, "One could do better than . . ." He believed there were standards that — though older than the hills, because they were God's — should be kept. It did not matter that they were not written down on parchment, approved by the committee, and tacked to the door. In his heart, though Jesus had not yet said it, he knew that where the letter of the law demanded one should not touch, the spirit of the law often required that one should not even look.

Why should a young woman who had everything she needed and every reason to think her life could be average, become involved in something as unknown and perplexing as being the king's wife. How could she, one of a conquered race, be so daring as to suppose she could become queen of the land? Weren't all the advantages with others? Why fight the odds? Or why, when queen, should she do the unprecedented and risk her life? Could it be perhaps that Esther thought, "One could do better than . . .," and chose not to be ordinary and average, because she honestly believed that all those truly serving God are "... born for such a time as this . . .?"

Why should a young man — a Hebrew of the tribe of Benjamin, a Pharisee strictly keeping the law, educated, admirably positioned, set up for an ordinary life as a Jewish leader — choose to be rejected by his own people, stoned by foreigners, condemned by the Pharisee's interpretation of the law, lose his envied position, give up his future, spend much of his life in prison, and finally be executed for treason? Could he not correctly reason, "One could do worse than . . .?" But one day Paul became unforgettably aware that "One could do better than . . ." and decided to press, run, strive, and become. "Press toward the prize . . .," "run . . . to obtain . . .," "strive to enter the strait gate . . .," become above average, beyond the ordinary.

Jesus Christ challenged the woman at the well, the rich young ruler, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Judas, James, John, Levi, among many others to leave the usual, the average, the ordinary, to climb above the "One could do worse than . . ." attitude, to a plane of striving, running, pressing. Some listened. Some did not.

He who has met the Christ that Paul met, has been challenged beyond the average and ordinary to be satisfied only with "One could do *better* than . . ." The challenge of God, through His Bible and His Son, as through the evidence of history, is to strive, run, press, become. To cease to be satisfied and reach beyond the average, the usual, the mediocre. Too often he who lives by the philosophy "One could do worse than . . .," does. Much worse.

To be satisfied with "just average" is to stop below God.



# GLEANINGS



## FROM THE FIELDS

Parkview Church in Desloge, Missouri, has been blessed with a good revival. Rev. William Evans of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, was our evangelist.

Two young people were saved during the services.

The revival actually began during the preparation for revival. We had several special prayer meetings before our evangelist came. There was a good response in two of our Sunday morning services. Six people went to the altar to be saved or to rededicate their life.

On May 4, we had a baptismal service. The day was beautiful and the gathering at the river bank was especially blessed when Rev. Harley Brown led seven young Christians into the water to follow Christ in baptism. Those baptized were Mr. Robert Whelehon, Mrs. Audrey Donnelly, Cheryl Donnelly, Sandy Jenkerson, Marie Pyatt, John Pyatt and Beth Ann Hoehns.

In addition to these new members, others joined the church by letter or testimony of faith, including Mrs. Robert Whelehon, Mrs. Betty McGuire, and Mary McGuire.

Our Bible school begins Monday, June 2. Sister Nellie Rasnic is director. The theme this year is "Believing God's Book."

The Sunday School attendance is increasing and there are some new faces in CTS.

Rejoice with us for all the Lord's blessings and remember us is prayer.

Rev. Harley Brown, pastor  
Sister Alice Bowen, reporter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1969

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Farmington	160	150	161	163
Southside, St. Louis			126	
Trinity, St. Louis	149	145	142	149
Kirksville	136	135	144	158
Grant Ave., Springfield	174	184	184	
Viburnum Church	38	36	46	
Mine La Motte	29	24	26	
KoshKonong	51	51	55	66
Desloge	90			
Hannon	58		53	56
Leadington	146	140	180	178
Copper Mines	75	82	81	
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	108	116	144	
West Plains	133		138	142
First, Lebanon	129		118	164
Myrtle Church				
Sunnyview, Lebanon	46		42	
Desoto	56		58	77
Thayer	111	101	116	137
Overland	154	202	226	
Salem	26		40	41
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	85	76	92	
Twin Oaks Church	39			
Fellowship Church	253			
Richwoods Church	44	34	40	
Berkeley Church	367	350	387	
Central Church K.C.				
First, Springfield	204		205	206
Hazel Creek	35			
Parkview			101	102



In behalf of the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting, a presentation of the King James version of the Bible was made to Rev. H. T. Dann, pastor of the Bible Free Will Baptist Church, 3731 McDonald Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, by its clerk, Donald M. Harger, April 13.

Rev. Dann started a Free Will Baptist mission last September with a few (self-admitted) pieces of driftwood who were soon on fire for our Lord. The mission is now blessed with an average of 40 people weekly. They applied to the St. Louis District Meeting to become a church, and were accepted on March 25.

With their visitation program and the Lord's blessing, let's pray for this growing, friendly, evangelistic church.

## April Cooperative Receipts, 1969

Granby	Mar.	\$ 17.00
Viburnum	Mar.	48.73
First FWB West Plain		86.00
Parkview		127.79
Fredericktown	Jan.-Mar.	360.84
Eldorado First	Mar.	3.60
Monett	Mar.	146.36
Fourth FWBC	Mar.	185.43
Kirksville	Dec.-Mar.	120.00
Beacon	Mar.	159.03
Leadington	Mar.	197.00
Pleasant Hill S.S.	Mar.	8.00
Garfield	Mar.	27.86
Myrtle		164.88
Berkley	Mar.	396.15
Mt. Grove	Mar.	255.41
Pleasant Hill		10.00
Grant Avenue	Mar.	147.74
Aulsbury Chapel	Jan.-Mar.	114.14
Cope	Mar.	22.90
Pleasant Ridge	resumed	11.70
Thayer	Mar.	47.54
Farmington	Mar.	150.51
Pleasant Home	Feb.-Mar.	66.17
New Home	Mar.	13.70
Jones Chapel	Mar.	10.00
Carterville	Mar.	17.27
Central	Mar.	150.00
Victory	Mar.	196.17
Mill Creek	Jan.-Mar.	49.12
Olivette	Mar.	83.51
Grace	Mar.	192.12
Flat River First	Jan.-Mar.	261.38
Liberty	resumed	45.00
Alton	Mar.	12.00
Copper Mines		55.00
Lebanon First		190.00
Desoto		56.70
Hannon	Mar.	60.00
Richwoods		98.52
Hickory Grove		15.27
Merl's Chapel		25.81
Liberty		58.11
Mine La Motte		13.05
Cabool	two months	81.07
Buffalo FWB S.S.		22.00
Belton		61.33
Meramec Heights		85.91
Fellowship		50.00
South Side	Apr.	150.00
St. Joseph	Apr.	14.89
Jackson Free Will Baptists		
New Organization: adopted	Apr.	19.79
New Harmony S.S.	Apr.	7.95
Smyrna S.S.	Apr.	20.00
Willow Springs Church	Apr.	42.94
A-Co-operative Friend		1.61
Total Receipts: April		<u>\$5065.00</u>

## Disbursed:

52.00% National Association	\$2633.80
1.00% Mo. CTS & Sunday School	50.65
1.00% Mo. Superannuation	50.65
3.75% Gem	189.94
4.00% Mo. Youth Camp	202.60
8.25% General Fund	417.86
14.00% Mo. Promotional Dept.	709.10
16.00% Missouri Missions	<u>810.40</u>
100% Total amount disbursed	\$5065.00

Harry Beatty, Treasurer

## KoshKonong Church Report

April 29, 1969

Dear Brother in Christ,

We baptized four last Sunday, including a boy leaving\* for Viet Nam this week.

Your friends,  
Davie and Claudia Combs

Greetings *Gem* Readers.

Another mission has begun under the banners of our beloved Free Will Baptists, this time in Jackson, Missouri, 118 E. Monroe St., one block north of highways 61 and 72 intersection.

The Lord directed us to this location, and it is very suitable for a beginning. We leased the property for one year. Please, dear *Gem* readers, pray that we will be in our own property by the time the lease is up.

This mission is sponsored by the Madison County Quarterly Meeting. Charles Moyers as pastor, Rev. Hibbitts, and Rev. Miller from Fredericktown are helping, and what a pleasure to have them help us!

Jackson has been a burden of several hearts for a number of years, and last year Madison County Quarterly Meeting decided on Jackson as their next mission field. This conference has mothered other groups in the past, and now they thrust their efforts into Jackson.

Our first service was Easter Sunday with an attendance of 26 and an offering of \$112. For this we humbly thank the Lord, for He has so richly and wonderfully blessed us in this short time. Thank God for every one of you who have had a part in this beginning. We would list every name, group, and church. However, at this writing the list is in the clerk's hands and not at our disposal. So may we offer you our most sincere thanks for your contribution. Without your help it would not have been as successful. Please pray that we will be the stepping stone to a successful Free Will Baptist church that the denomination will be proud of. If any of you know someone living in this area, please send their names and addresses to Mr. O. J. Stone, Route 2, Highway 72, West Jackson, Missouri.

Please pray for us.



# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION July 14-17, 1969 — Kiel Auditorium

- I. Preparation and Planning of the National Association:
  - A. Mr. Harold Critcher as the Convention Coordinator
  - B. Local Committees
  - C. Cooperation of hotels and other contacts with the business community
- II. Safety of travel for all who attend
- III. General Board Meetings:
  - A. Wisdom for the members to analyze reports objectively and fairly
  - B. The Spirit of Christ in the discussions and decisions
- IV. God's guidance and blessings on all committee meetings
- V. The anointing of the Spirit upon each speaker as they prepare and present their messages — for Holy Spirit conviction and heart decisions  
  
Monday night — Winston Sweeny  
Tuesday night — Free Will Baptist Bible College  
Wednesday night — Homer Willis  
Thursday morning — Dale Burden
- VI. The presence of the Holy Spirit to overshadow and permeate each session and that each one will be keenly conscious and sensitive to His presence in every session
- VII. Grace and wisdom for the moderator, clerk and each officer
- VIII. A good attitude, a spirit of love in the hearts of each one, and a united, harmonious spirit
- IX. A genuine spirit of Christian communion as friends fellowship together
- X. Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
  - A. The officers
  - B. The speaker — Mrs. Mabel Willey
  - C. The business sessions
- XI. The pastor's and laymen's meeting Tuesday morning, speaker Mr. Charles Jones
- XIII. The youth meetings and activities:
  - A. Mr. Sam Johnson as he directs
  - B. All who share in leading the group meetings
  - C. All the young people who participate in the run-off contests
  - D. A spiritual impact upon the hearts of all the youth who come
  - E. A sense of self-restraint in the hearts of these young people and wisdom for the leaders to control this large group who attend
- XIV. That each one who attends may become informed and inspired in a greater way to serve God and our denomination — especially through the personal contacts and information shared in the booth areas
- XV. The missionary service on Wednesday night
  - A. The messenger and message
  - B. The calling forth of laborers
  - C. The sharing of our material possessions to send forth these laborers
- XVI. The Laymen's Breakfast — Speaker
- XVII. A burden of prayer upon the hearts of each one throughout the meeting
- XVIII. Our lives and witness will be a testimony for Christ and the gospel as we enter the various public places in the city
- XIX. The cause of Christ may be furthered through the Free Will Baptist denomination
- XX. That God may be glorified and Christ exalted—  
"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24).

Free Will Baptist Bible College concluded commencement week activities May 11-15, by graduating 44 young men and women. Thirty-seven received the school's Bachelor degree, five were awarded Bible diplomas, and two received business certificates. Twenty-two of these students also received certificates from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association.

Speakers for the Commencement Week activities included the Reverend Roger Reeds and Dr. Terrelle B. Crum.

Reverend Reeds, who delivered the Baccalaureate message Sunday night, is general director of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department. He graduated from the Bible College in 1955 and has done postgraduate study at George Peabody College and Middle Tennessee University.

Dr. Crum, commencement speaker for the Class of 1969, is vice-president of Barrington College, Barrington, Rhode Island. He received his B.A. from Brown University, his M.A. from Harvard, and was awarded the LL.D. degree by Wheaton College.

Free Will Baptist Bible College is proud to bestow its honors upon these graduates and commend them to the work of Christ and our denomination:

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

\*Linda Alexander, Tenn.  
 \*Janice Baskins, Va.  
 \*Terry Beck, Va.  
 \*Harley Bennett, Ida.  
 \*A.B. Brown, N.C.  
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 Larry Clyatt, Fla.  
 \*Robert Cooper, Miss.  
 Richard Cordell, Tenn.  
 James Cox, Va.  
 \*Paul Davis, Mich.  
 \*Gary Edwards, Ala.  
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 Marion Gailey, Va.  
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 Larry Hampton, Okla.  
 \*Donald Hanna, Va.  
 \*Ernest Harrison, Okla.  
 Doug Henderson, Fla.  
 Charlyne Hinesley, Okla.  
 \*Freddie Jones, Tenn.  
 Jessie Meade, Ky.  
 Dan Patrick, Ohio  
 \*James Pauley, W.Va.  
 Linda Pickle, Miss.  
 Willis Shimel, Tex.  
 \*Lonnie Skiles, Mo.  
 Lynn Smith, Tenn.  
 \*Mike Spikes, Tex.  
 Patsy Spikes, Tenn.  
 James Summerson, Pa.  
 \*Kathy Tippet, Tenn.

\*Gail Underwood, Tenn.

\*Wayne Wagner, Okla.  
 \*Linda Williams, N.C.  
 Robert Woodard, N.C.  
 Carol Wright, Mo.

#### BIBLE DIPLOMA

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 \*Wanda Fitzgerald, Ind.  
 \*Carl Hinz, Mont.  
 \*Robert Parker, Ga.  
 James Roebuck, Tenn.

#### BUSINESS CERTIFICATE

Loyce McVay, Fla.  
 Earl Pittman, Va.

\*--E.T.T.A. Diploma

# Bible College News



## OVER 1,000 ATTEND BIBLE CONFERENCE

Free Will Baptist Bible College's 1969 Bible Conference, held April 6-10, was termed "one of the best" in the meeting's 26-year history. Attendance figures for the three-day conference ran over 1,000, making this one of the most popular Bible conferences ever held on the FWBBC campus.

Visitors to the meeting highly praised the messages delivered by the conference's three principal speakers — Malcolm Fry, Billy Morris, and Willard Wilcox.

A closed-circuit television system enabled hundreds of visitors to view the services long after the college's 500-seat auditorium was filled. Special monitors were set up in the student lounge and in the school's Ennis Classroom Building. The television system, including a video-tape unit, was recently given to the school by the student body.

A number of conference visitors commented that the heavy attendance accentuated the need for early construction of a Bible College gymnasium-auditorium which could house future meetings of this type.



# Missionary Giving From Missouri

## MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS GIVING

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	10.00
Fellowship FWB Woman's Aux., Flat River	5.00
South Side FWB Church, St. Louis	51.00
Myrtle FWB Church	10.00
New Home FWB Church, Hortville	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vencie Long, Hortville	5.00
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	20.00
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Leadington FWB Church	28.00
Farmington FWB Church	35.91
Marie Hanna Aux., St. Ann	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Green, Lee's Summit	2.50
Victory FWB Church, Avondale	11.12
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Thurston, Kansas City	10.00
First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	2.00
First FWB Church, Monett	20.00
W.A. Denton, Farmington	5.00
Faith FWB Church, Lemay	37.54
Richwood FWB Church, Richwood	10.00
Free Will Baptist Ladies Aux., Fredericktown	10.00
Columbia FWB Church	5.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	10.00
Cooperative Plan	192.08
Mr. & Mrs. Walden Robinson, Farmington	15.00
Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
First FWB Church Senior S.S. Class, Fredericktown	5.00
Total	\$547.15

## MISSOURI - FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING

### Month of April, 1969

Cooperative Plan	\$ 235.91
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Pleasant Home Church, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Ronald E. Bar, Arnold	5.00
South Side F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	343.87
Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
Mr. Dorman Luter, Overland	5.00
Hazel Creek CTS, Kirksville	15.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	2.00
Union Light F.W.B. Church, Marquand	46.11
First F.W.B. Church, West Plains	52.43
Mrs. Lourine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Macy Gregory, Hartville	5.00
W. Porter Clark, Belton	5.00
Kirksville F.W.B. Church	152.10
Betty Baner, Belton	3.50
Rev. T. O. Hutchison, Neosho	1.00
Eli Stephens, St. Louis	25.00
Leadington F.W.B. Church	13.00
F.W.B. Church, Berkeley	147.50
Kenneth Stilwell, Kirksville	14.00
New Harmony S.S., Greentop	50.58
Freddie D. Berry, St. John's	5.00
Lester Barks, St. Louis	50.00
First F.W.B. Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Myrtle F.W.B. Church	37.00
Union Grove S.S. & Church, Norwood	31.50
Henry Connelly, St. Louis	50.00
First F.W.B. Church, Neosho	6.00
Richard Forrester, St. Louis	10.00
Pleasant Ridge Church, Urbana	10.00
Hannon F.W.B. Church, Liberal	30.00

David Bagwell, Springfield	15.00
Houston F.W.B. Church	10.00
Fellowship Class, F.W.B. Church, Farmington	13.00
Farmington F.W.B. Church	179.53
Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown	30.00
Floyd E. Green, Lee's Summit	15.00
Victory F.W.B. Church, Avondale	31.12
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
Martinstown F.W.B. Church, Worthington	50.00
Hurricane F.W.B. Church, Farmington	65.00
First F.W.B. Church, Mtn. Grove	97.40
St. Joseph F.W.B. Church, St. Joseph	8.95
First F.W.B. Church, Monett	285.00
First F.W.B. Church, Springfield	59.56
Garfield S.S., Thayer	20.00
Alton F.W.B. Woman's Aux.	16.00
Hazel Creek F.W.B. Church, Kirksville	106.00
Master's Men F.W.B. Church, Thayer	5.00
Verdella and Hannon F.W.B. Churches, Liberal	10.00
Milford House, Gower	5.00
Grace F.W.B. Church, Arnold	31.82
New Prospect S.S. Long Lane	10.00
New Harmony F.W.B. Church, Kirksville	10.00
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
Alton F.W.B. Church	16.00
Oak Grove F.W.B. Church, Norwood	141.95
Richwoods F.W.B. Church	10.00
Ernest Clift, Marshfield	6.00
Gilbert Fortney, Springfield	5.00
Hickory Grove F.W.B. Church, Harrisonville	18.45
Mr. W.L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Freddie Berry, St. Johns	50.00
Jackson F.W.B. Church	20.00
Grant Avenue F.W.B. Church, Springfield	69.00
Cuba F.W.B. Church	10.00
Verdella F.W.B. Church, Liberal	10.00
Hannon F.W.B. Church, Liberal	25.00
Hazel Creek F.W.B. Church, Kirksville	40.00
Mrs. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Merl's Chapel, Cassville	13.00
Low Ground F.W.B. Church, Novinger	23.65
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Wolf Creek F.W.B. Church, Mansfield	41.50
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Martinstown F.W.B. Church Worthington	15.00
First F.W.B. Church, Monett	156.10
Columbia F.W.B. Church	95.69
Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown	39.00
Pleasant Home F.W.B. Church, Mtn. Grove	21.75
Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Flat River	216.00
Parkview F.W.B. Church, Desloge	62.20
Belton F.W.B. Church	13.11
Cuba F.W.B. Church	3.00
David R. Buie, St. Louis	5.00
First F.W.B. Church, Flat River	3.38
Verdella F.W.B. Church, Liberal	52.79
Twin Oak F.W.B. Church, Fredericktown	25.00
First F.W.B. Church, Desoto	40.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Rev. George E. Bryant, Mtn. Grove	10.75
New Home Church, Falcon	16.60
South Side F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	130.00
First F.W.B. Church, St. Joseph	7.44
Willard L. Hovis, Sr., Normandy	12.00
Myrtle F.W.B. Church	37.00
Total	\$4,005.24



# Come Ye Into the Haven of Rest

## MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT

*And he withdrew himself into the  
wilderness, and prayed.*  
Luke 5:16

August 4th - 5th  
Niangua, Missouri

### MONDAY

9:30 a.m.  
Registration . . . . . Hazel Hutsell

9:45 a.m.  
Congregational singing . . . . . Faran Jones  
Devotional . . . . . Joan King  
Meet your officers . . . . . Lucille Beatty

10:15 a.m.  
Who-Where-What-When . . . . . Peggy Davis

10:55 a.m.  
Worship in song . . . . . Barbara Oxidine  
Special music . . . . . Mary Fortney  
Message . . . . . Dr. Farmer

12:00 . . . . . Lunch

1:30 p.m.  
Chorus Time . . . . . Joan King

1:45 p.m.  
Bible baseball . . . . . Brenda Evans

2:15 p.m.  
Gulosh entertainment . . . . . State Executive Committee  
Free Time — planned recreation . . . . . Jewel Campbell  
and Jo Pingleton

5:50 p.m.  
Supper time . . . . . Peggy Davis

7:30 p.m.  
In song and prayer . . . . . Mable Franklin

Special number . . . . . Barbara Oxidine  
Devotional . . . . . Pearl Denton

8:00 p.m.  
Holy Land review (in film) . . . . . Mary Fran Carter  
Candle light service . . . . . My Most Unforgettable Experience

### TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.  
Hillside devotions . . . . . Gloria Carlson

8:15 a.m. . . . . Breakfast

9:30 a.m.  
Congregational singing . . . . . Jewel Campbell  
Special music . . . . . Berkley Trio

9:45 a.m.  
Mission meditation . . . . . Elizabeth Gibson

10:15 a.m.  
Skit . . . . . Fellowship Auxiliary

### Intermission

1:55 a.m.  
Worship in song . . . . . Joan King  
Special number . . . . . Jean Francis & Wanda Huett  
Message . . . . . Dr. Farmer

12:00 . . . . . Lunch

1:00 p.m. . . . . Adjourn





## Woman's Auxiliary

The West Plains First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met May 5, with 15 members and 3 visitors present. After an opening song, "Sunshine in My Soul," and scripture reading from Luke 10:38,42, prayer was led by Hattie Sims.

Each officer was present and gave their reports as follows:

The corresponding secretary had sent 15 cards, one letter and one poster.

The personal service chairman gave a report of serving food for two days at the death of Ramon Powell.

The missions chairman read several articles about missions in different parts of the world.

The study course chairman had reports given on the missions study course and set May 12 for a study course on prayer.

A baked food sale was set for May 25, and delegates were elected for the Cave Springs District Auxiliary.

The West Plains Auxiliary will host the district auxiliary on May 29.

We gained another new member, Dona Cline. We also selected our new auxiliary officers. They are as follows: president, Lounita Spears; vice-president, Phyllis Miller; recording secretary, Ella Mae Stephens; corresponding secretary, Hattie Sims; treasurer, Nellie Greagory; study course chairman, Effie Lou Moss; program prayer chairman, Evelyn Dofforan; personal service chairman, Elaine Skiles; and mission chairman, Shirley Skiles.

Installation of new officers was set for May 14 by Pastor Dale Skiles.

Our *Co-Laborer* lesson, "A House or A Home," was effectively presented and discussed by all members.

Topics were given by the following: Effie Lou Moss, Elaine Skiles, Nellie Greagory, Lounita Spears, and Edith Dumber.

We do feel that through God's blessing we are gaining in our auxiliary work, for which we thank the Lord.

Just pray for us that we can fight the devil harder as we gain for the Lord.

Corresponding Secretary,  
Hattie Sims

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The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett met May 6, for a regular monthly meeting combined with their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. There was a large attendance, and a bountiful supper was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Elrod was recognized as the oldest mother present. Each one was welcomed by the auxiliary president, Mrs. Elner Medlin, and after the meal was finished a short business was held to appoint a nominating committee to select new officers for the coming year. The mission project for May was to collect quilt scraps to send to one of our missionaries in Africa.

The group was led in a song by Rosalee McCully entitled, "Faith of Our Mothers." Mrs. Myrle Suttles read the scripture taken from Proverbs 31, with comments. Mrs. Ruth Meiers and Mrs. Myrle Suttles sang a special, "My Mother's Prayer." Mrs. Ralph Shrum read a poem entitled "My Mother." The mothers and daughters were each introduced and their guests. The regular monthly lesson was presented by Mrs. Burl Thomas, "A House or A Home." This was well presented and enjoyed by all. We were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Elmer Johnson.

Reporter,  
Miss Helen Shrum,  
Monett, Missouri

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The Berkeley Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary had their regular monthly meeting Wednesday night, May 7, with 21 attending.

The meeting was opened by reading of the minutes. A motion was made and carried that we send Wesley and Aliene Calvery's daughter, Rebecca, some clothes for boarding school this fall, and to send \$10 to their account.

Our officers' reports were read and approved for the coming year. Topics were given by Jerri Plumber, Auvern Lewis, Edith Wallace, Verna Smith.

We thank the Lord for the good fellowship we have in our auxiliary. Pray for us.

Verna Smith,  
Corresponding Secretary

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Lebanon First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met May 7, at the church with 17 members present. Opening hymn, "Standing On the Promises" was led by Mrs. Jannell Walters, with the youth choir singing several numbers. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ann O'Dell.



The officers elected for the year are as follows: president, Mrs. Farron Jones; vice-president, Madlyn Loney; treasurer, Naomi Hefton; secretary, Mary Officer; corresponding secretary, Gladys Montgomery; program prayer chairman, Jannell Walters; study course chairman, Freida Hays; personal service chairman, Henri Etta Garrett, and Thelma Wilkinson; mission chairman, Beth Florence; project chairman, Eunice Barber; refreshment committee, Grace Day and Hazel Embry. Helpers are as follows: Bernice Dickens, Dorothy Myers, Dorothy Mosier, Ann O'Dell, Myrtle Cornelison, Sybil Agan and Esther Sutton.

The offering at the pre-Easter week of prayer was taken for the church at Columbia, Missouri. Home-baked cookies and punch were served. Closing prayer was by Mrs. Grace Day.

Gladys Montgomery,  
Corresponding Secretary

### BE PROPERLY REPRESENTED

National and State Auxiliary Convention time will soon be here. We hope you are looking forward to a time of blessings in worship, fellowship, and business as co-laborers with Christ. We will be expecting you. We urge every auxiliary of the state to be properly represented. You will be assured of a firsthand report of convention activities when your delegate returns home.

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall be composed of the officers of the state convention, the district presidents and five delegates from each district convention, all local officers, and three delegates from each local auxiliary.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention shall be composed of the national officers, the state presidents, and the state field workers. Each state shall be represented by 10 elected delegates. Each local auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body may send a delegate to this convention by paying a \$3 representation fee.

Below is a list of Missouri's elected delegates to the 1969 National Convention in St. Louis:

Barbara Oxendine	Joan Filkins
Elaine Spurgeon	Bernice Cantrell
Lou Thurston	Bernice Thomas
Pearl Denton	Elizabeth Gibson
Brazine Evans	Dora Fry

Gloria Carlson,  
State Corresponding Secretary

The Woman's Auxiliary of Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met May 7, in the church chapel with 13 members and 1 visitor present.

After an opening hymn, "Break Thou The Bread of Life," prayer was led by Sister Jo Pingleton. The program "A House . . . or a Home," was given by Ruby Johnson, Nettie Bennett, Barbra Cox, and Evelyn Lowery.

Items of business included the following: Make a quilt for the provision closet in Nashville, Tennessee. A missions offering of \$21.50 for the Cousineaus was given. Officers for the coming year were elected.

After we were dismissed in prayer by Sister Lavern Hayes, refreshments were served in the church dining hall by the Master's Men. A fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Helen Underwood,  
Corresponding Secretary



*Mothers honored at dinner at Fellowship.*

The Marie Hanna Circle of Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, honored their mothers at a Mother-Daughter Banquet, Saturday, May 10. The theme was "Queens For A Day," with each member's mother as the queen for a day. If the mother could not attend, a stand-in was invited.

The fellowship hall was decorated in orchid and white with a silhouette of a mother on the main wall and also on the programs. Miniature crowns held the after-dinner mints. Each guest was presented with a corsage of carnations as they were seated. All decorations and a Mother's Day cake were made by Mrs. Janet Bailey.

The dinner meal, "Fit For A Queen," was enjoyed and then a "royal welcome" was extended by Mrs. Wanda Ragsdale. "Songs to the Queens" were sung by members, and by "royal command" the ladies trio sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." "The Royal Messengers" gave a citation for mothers. Essays were read by Mrs. Bernice Dodd, Mrs. Rhonda Stroup, and Mrs. Florence Burcham. For a "royal farewell" everyone stood around the tables joining hands and sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Members and their mothers attending were Mrs. Charlotte Bloom, Mrs. Georgia Reeves, Mrs. Peggy Bailey, Mrs. Violet Rehkop, Mrs. Bernice Dodd, Mrs. Ruth Goad, Mrs. Retta Ragsdale, Mrs. Rhonda Stroup, Mrs. Ellen Price, Mrs. Mary Grieshaben, Mrs. Rachel Milbourn, Mrs. Janet Bailey, and Mrs. Edith Brooks.

Special guests were Mrs. Mildred Hildebrand, guest of Mrs. Bernice Dodd; Mrs. Alma Adams, guest of Mrs. Wanda Ragsdale; Mrs. Minnie Burcham, guest of Mrs. Florence Burcham; and the pastor's wife, Mrs. Billy Walker, was a special guest of the entire circle.

Peggy Bailey,  
Corresponding Secretary



## Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY

April 5th. Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting convened at the West Plains Church with more than 20 churches represented. Rev. Charles Gower and I were appointed to preach at the 11:a.m. service. Rev. Elza Simpson's grandson, Jerry Johnson, was licensed to preach in this session. Time was given for our Missouri promotional work. Pastor Skiles announced their revival which began on April 7, with Glen Lewis as evangelist. Eight souls were saved in this revival.

We attended three nights of the Thayer revival with Rev. Jerry Fields as evangelist. More than a score were saved in this two-week meeting.

I was privileged to preach the Easter sunrise message in our Myrtle Church at 6 a.m., April 6th, and at 11 a.m. in our recently organized church in the Byrd community near Myrtle. They have a nice new sanctuary on the parcel of ground where a former school building once stood. Rev. Murl Shaw is pastor here.

Twin Oak Church hosted the Madison County Quarterly Meeting, April 11-12. Rev. George Stitt delivered the Friday evening sermon. And your promotional secretary delivered the 11 a.m. sermon Saturday. They are sponsoring a new mission work in Jackson, Missouri, located at High and Monroe Streets. Anyone having people living there, please send their names to Mrs. O. J. Stone, Route 2, Jackson, Missouri 63755.

Sunday afternoon, April 13, our Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in Maplewood dedicated their beautiful new church with a full-size basement. I was privileged to deliver the dedicatory sermon. One lady was saved in the 11 a.m. service. Fourth Church re-adopted the cooperative plan last month.

On April 21-22, our Missouri State Ministers' Retreat was held at Niangua Youth Camp Grounds. The fellowship was excellent, and three Spirit-filled gospel messages were delivered by ministers Mark Vandivort, O.T. Allred, and Dale Skiles.

Pastor Jack Stallings and Festus First Church did an excellent job hosting the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting April 26. Each of our 14 churches were

represented. Rev. Johnny Land delivered the Saturday morning sermon. Time was given for our state cooperative program. Most of these churches have sent in their National Association entertainment money already.

Our cooperative receipts are excellent this month, thanks to more than 50 faithful contributors. I want to give special honors to three churches this month: Liberty church, which resumed their cooperative giving and sent twice within the month; the Pleasant Ridge church which resumed sending through Missouri State headquarters; and the new mission organization — Jackson Free Will Baptist — who sent their first contribution.

Note: Bibles are available at your own book store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

All districts are requested to send their allotted portion of contributions for the National Association to Rev. Harry Beatty before the convention.

### Report to Gem Paper — April 30, 1969

National Association entertainment funds received from following churches to date.

Fredericktown . . . . .	\$35.00
Copper Mines . . . . .	25.00
Mill Creek . . . . .	20.00
Mine La Motte . . . . .	20.00
Union Light . . . . .	20.00
Twin Oak . . . . .	20.00
Obethel . . . . .	20.00
Oak Hill . . . . .	20.00
First, Flat River . . . . .	25.00
Parkview . . . . .	25.00
Desoto . . . . .	25.00
Fellowship . . . . .	25.00
Hurryville . . . . .	25.00
Aulsbury Chapel . . . . .	25.00
Viburnum . . . . .	25.00
Merl's Chapel . . . . .	33.00
Thayer . . . . .	20.00
South Side . . . . .	30.00
Berkeley . . . . .	30.00
Meramec Heights . . . . .	30.00
Festus First . . . . .	32.00
Gateway . . . . .	30.00
Gateway . . . . .	30.00
Overland . . . . .	30.00
Fourth . . . . .	30.00
Richwoods . . . . .	30.00
Twin City . . . . .	30.00
Bible Free Will . . . . .	30.00
Total . . . . .	\$710.00

Harry Beatty, Treasurer