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Bud Hill

Planning A Year's Work

By Rev. Loyd Myers

Billy Sunday once said, "More people fail for lack of initiative than for lack of ability." A well known adage states, "To fail to plan is to plan to fail." This is especially true in the work of the Kingdom of God.

The church must compete today with a world that is highly technicalized and computerized. Manufacturers spend considerable sums of money each year to increase the efficiency of their operations. The methods of the operation of the church must be brought up to date. "Horse and buggy" methods will not meet the needs of the space age. We don't need a new message, but new methods of presenting the "old, old story."

The fast pace at which we live today demands that the church plan her program and offer something worthwhile or she will soon be out of business. This doesn't minimize the work of the Holy Spirit or His leadership for He is eternal and time does not determine His leadership. He can lead you in planning for one year or five years as well as for one service. Our vision and dedication are the determining factors.

I. Why Plan?

A. It Is Scriptural

Everything God does is planned. Redemption unfolds from Genesis to Revelation in a complete organized plan. Israel's deliverance from Egypt into Canaan was detailed in its plan. Failure to follow the plan left their carcasses in the wilderness. God's instructions to Moses for the building of the Tabernacle demanded, "See that thou make it according to the pattern shown thee in the mount."

Is organization Scriptural? Is this the way God would have us to carry on the ministry of the church? For the answer we must look to God through His work and His Word.

Consider the work of the Lord. Look at the stars in their patterned course. Think of the human body with its magnificent design. In the Scriptures we find the division into the companies at the feeding of the five thousand and the sending out of the twelve and the seventy and their return and reports. There is ample evidence that God moves, and expects us to move, in an orderly, organized fashion.

Although the Church was in its formative stages, the Apostle Paul laid down instructions for church order in I and II Timothy and corrected errors in I and II Corinthians. All principles of church message, program and methods are found in the New Testament.

B. It is Sensible

Church programming needs to be evaluated. What are we doing? What needs improving? These questions should be kept in mind as we survey our total church program. We need to locate the weak points that they may be strengthened. We need to see our strong points so that we may keep them strong and growing.

If we are going to arrive at a point of Biblical efficiency, it is because plans have been laid out that will assure arrival. If we are to reproduce well-rounded lives and mature Christians, we must plan a balanced program for the church.

C. It is Rewarding

Harmony will replace disunity, misunderstanding, and inefficiency. Leaders and teachers will realize worthwhile goals and be satisfied. The promises in the New Testament of blessings and miracles will become experiences in our day.

II. What to Plan

A. The Total Church Program

The total church program needs first consideration. The basic needs of each person that your church ministers to should be considered in the program of the church. These needs are worship, education, expression, fellowship, and service. The purpose of the church in the world must be considered as you plan. The church must lead the people to worship, to train for service, to evangelize, and to be faithful in stewardship.

The year's program should be that portion of a larger plan which can be realized within the year. Avoid making plans that are completely out of reach of your church. Consider the laws of growth relative to the size of your building, size of your organization, the efficiency of your training program, and the number of people in your church potential.

B. Concentrate on the Weak Spots

The first year of your program should concentrate on the weak spots of your present church organization. Where are the weak spots? What can be done to strengthen these weaknesses? Organize what is alive. Don't rely on mere human mechanics. Seek prayer support. Pray for workers. Train people to be leaders. Stimulate, encourage, challenge, and inspire leaders. Plans in themselves produce no benefits.

C. Plan Every Part

The overall plan should be large enough to reach the potential of your church. Begin with a survey of your potential. Then set up a plan for the years ahead to reach this potential. Plan a definite program each year to reach the ultimate goal. Plan a balanced program for each year that you will not lose the gains you make.

III. How To Plan

A. Planning Begins with the Pastor

Since the pastor is the God-ordained leader of the church, the planning should begin with him. The pastor sets the pace. No organization goes beyond its leadership.

An evaluation of past programming should be the basis of future planning.

The pastor is not to do all the planning. The church and Sunday School officers should assist in the planning and the details of the plan. The Church Board or Church Council will help in the planning. Each officer should keep a close check on the progress.

B. Plan a Calendar of Events

Once the program has been planned, then a "Calendar of Events" or "Church Calendar" should be carefully outlined. The church calendar will give direction to the total church program and avoid overlapping and overscheduling.

There are several printing companies that have calendar sheets prepared that can be mimeographed for each family of the church. Several companies have pre-cut stencils with the months on them so that you can cut them stating your church's activities.

C. Promote Your Calendar of Activities

Emphasize that this "Calendar of Activities" is a program of work for the Lord that your church is undertaking during the coming year. Leadership enthusiasm must ever stimulate and encourage. Use every plan possible to keep the planned program before your people and prospects.

Conclusion

This planning will give you a goal toward which to work. It will help to define responsibilities. It will avoid overlapping of work. It will give direction for your total church program.

It will give encouragement to your workers as they see goals accomplished. It will help your church to do the Lord's work in His way, using His methods and led by His Spirit.

General Baptist Messenger

GLEANINGS



from the fields

YOUTH CAMP NEWS AND VIEWS

What a wonderful camp sessions we had this year! The Lord blessed in such a wonderful way! We must say, Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

There were approximately 150 decisions for Christ. This includes professions of faith and rededications. There were also some who responded for special christian service. This is more than wonderful. We also had a record attendance this year of 768!

As I sit here in my study and recall the camp sessions for the year 1969, I know that only God knows the full result that was accomplished this year. How can one properly value the evangelistic services, the teaching ministry, christian fellowship, prayer-time and wholesome recreation. One of the young people who accepted Christ as Saviour is worth more than this whole world. I wish it were possible for the entire membership throughout the state of Missouri to hear the words of testimony given by the young people who attended camp. Much is said today about the generation gap; about young people being unrestrained and it is a shame and it is shocking that which many young people are doing. But, this is not all of them. I can only speak words of praise and admiration for what I saw and felt at youth camp this year. Because of that I must say, pastors and parents we must continue to provide for our young people the best we can at our Missouri State Youth Camp. May the Lord bless for what has been done in the past, but we can't let up. We must continue to pray, give and encourage this work of the Lord.

In closing this article I want to mention one of the highlights of youth camp— the Rev. Arthur Billows family and the spanish boys quartet. What a blessing they were to our camp sessions. It seemed that everyone fell in love with them and they fell in love with everyone. The bond of christian fellowship has no boundaries. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." My prayer is, that this work of the Lord, our Missouri State Youth Camp, will grow in number and most of all it's ability to help our young people.

Clarence H. Burton
Promotional Secretary

We appreciate so much the labor of love that has been given to our camp - many people have donated labor and needed items. In the next issue of the *Gem* an article will be written, including as many as possible.

Central Church, Kansas City

Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18.

Rev. Dale Jones of Lebanon, Missouri was our guest speaker, July 20, in both morning and evening services. He was warmly received by the children of God here at Central and elected to be our pastor for the coming year. Rev. Jones and his family will be moving to Kansas City about September first.

On July 22, Rev. and Mrs. Gage, Missionaries from the Ivory Coast of Africa spoke of their work there and showed

slides of the people, country side, homes, churches and hospital there in Africa. They awoke anew our realization of the great spiritual need of the lost people of other nations and brought to us a thankfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ for his goodness to us. May we continue to pray and give of our lives and substance to further the kingdom of God. So the Heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy Glory. Psalm 102:15.

I wrote the following as a Tribute to Our "Bro. Jim".

When I heard you were leaving our fellowship here,
Tears quickly filled my eyes;
Then I heard a voice gently say never fear,
Some day there will be no more parting from those we love,
When all our partings are over
And we meet on God's heavenly shore.
There is work for you to do all across the land,
Bringing the lost ones to Christ;
You must lend a helping hand,
So the parting of our way,
For the present only,
With you our prayers will go each day.

Mary Williams
Corresponding Secretary



Many people were involved from the St. Louis area in serving as host for the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Even though there was a considerable amount of work it was enjoyed by each one who helped. The above picture was taken near the close of the association and *does not include all* the workers in registration but does show some of them. Clarence Burton* wishes to express his deep appreciation to each one who helped.

*chairman of the committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1969

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
Farmington	160	150	161	163	168	146	
Trinity, St. Louis	149	145	142	149	131	131	131
Kirksville	136	135	144	158	146	127	124
Grant Ave., Springfield	174	184	184	176	169		
Viburnum Church	38	36	46				
Mine La Motte	29	24	26	42	29	28	
KoshKonong	51	51	55	66	74	92	
Desloge	90				101	79	82
Hannon	58		53	56	57	57	59
Leadington	146	140	180	178			
Copper Mines	75	82	81				
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	108	116	144		137		
West Plains	133		138	142	137	137	
Sunnyview, Lebanon	46		42	55	58	45	53
Desoto	56	48	58	77	67	56	57
Thayer	111	101	116	137			
Overland	154	202	226				
Salem	26		40	41	43	29	34
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	85	76	92	87	95	88	93
Fellowship Church	253	251	251	252			
Richwoods Church	44	34	40				
Berkeley Church	367	350	387				
Central Church K. C.	140	159	177	156	168	133	123
First, Springfield	204		205	206	204	196	
Parkview			101	102			
Twin City Festus	56	41	54	40	45		
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	278	235	280	283	275		
Myrtle	56	50	57	63	59	61	

The Music Committee Works

By Mrs. Geraldine Camp

Have you ever considered the necessity of harmony? Harmony is an expression — an important ingredient in the life of every living creature. It is a must for happiness, for the Bible says that “two of us cannot even walk together unless we are agreed.” This means we must be in harmony.

Harmony makes us feel well toward our fellowman and creates a peaceful feeling within us that is pleasing to the ears and eyes of each of us. It makes us feel in accord. Harmony is necessary wherever there are people, whether it be on the assembly line in the plant, in the office, in the school system or in the home — and harmony is just as vital in the worship service. This is the ingredient for which the music committee is responsible.

For example, a pastor could study long and hard on a soul-searching message entitled “What Do You Owe Your Master?” and encourage his congregation to give of their best without any reservation, perhaps even to the point of total commitment, but if the music director closes the service with the hymn “Jesus Paid It All” (as meaningful as this hymn, or one similar, might be) the message has been trampled to the ground or all in vain, so to speak.

This is the thought every music committee should keep foremost in its mind.

You say “Our church is too small for such a committee.” We debate the issue. Any congregation that has a choir and musical instrument of any nature is definitely in dire need of a music committee — a committee composed of the most capable and concerned Christian music-minded persons — a group of dedicated lay people that will work with the pastor well in advance previous to every service or services.

The committee has a great responsibility and the task is possibly the most important within the jurisdiction of the church and probably the most neglected in most congregations. Cantatas, anthems and hymns for special occasions should be carefully selected with the capabilities and interests of the choir in mind — never forgetting the

congregation and what will best suit its needs.

The first aim of any choir should be to glorify God. The music committee itself must never lose sight of this fact, and needs to constantly keep this foremost in the minds of its members. The congregation will be able to detect this from the results.

Short of men in your choir? This seems to be universal among General Baptists. You say “Our choir just can’t learn anthems with four part harmony (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass). We don’t have enough men who participate.” Then why not take note and select the music with the SAB arrangement (soprano, alto, and baritone)? This makes only one part for all men and is in better voice for the average male choir member. The result: a fuller, richer harmony in which your members will become more interested.

The music committee should see that there are regular choir rehearsals, that they always begin and end at the scheduled time, and that the director is a dedicated Christian servant of God.

There needs to be variety in choral selections — different needs for different people, since the congregation, as well as the choir, consists of all types of personalities. These need to be satisfied so that the need for worship in song is supplied.

The music committee should always be on the alert for new talent. Before a person is invited to participate in the organized choir it should be a known fact that the person is qualified — not necessarily one who reads music by note — but one who can sing properly and is willing to cooperate.

Each rehearsal should begin and close with prayer by one of the choir members. This tends to direct all minds to the purpose for rehearsal and that it is their aim to glorify God and never themselves. This makes for better cooperation among members and with the director.

The music committee should know the personalities, capabilities and interests of the choir members and musicians. This is important to achieve the proper effects. This committee should see that the by-laws of the choir are strictly observed whenever the choir is an organized choir. Then it is always good for any congregation to have a volunteer choir on Sunday evenings. Regular choir members need to be encouraged to participate so that others will gain more confidence and one day become a part of the organized choir.

All pastors and ministers will verify this — ask any one of them. A dull unenthusiastic song service can “kill a sermon” and can even make it difficult to deliver a message that has been preceded with much prayer and Bible study.

The music committee must see that this is never the case. God’s Word is meant to be heard. It will be just so many words to a congregation that has not been lifted and encouraged with an enthusiastic and zealous song service. Enthusiasm is contagious! Whenever anyone participates he gets involved — even when he hasn’t planned to — under the proper leadership. This makes any Christian a “doer of the Word” and gives any non-Christian a desire to know the God whom Christians truly worship and glorify

General Baptist Messenger

Woman's Auxiliary

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at Missouri State Auxiliary Convention
Leadington, Missouri, August 19, 1969

Missouri State Auxiliary Officers (Note address changes for some officers)

President: Mrs. Brenda Evans
303 West Columbia
Farmington, Missouri 63640

Vice President: Mrs. Eunice Edwards
101 North 6th St.
Desloge, Missouri 63601
(Mrs. Edwards was also named Editor of the Woman's
pages in the *Gem*.)

Assistant Recording Secretary: Mrs. Farron Jones
1122 East 77th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Gloria Carlson
Myrtle, Missouri 65778

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P.O. Box 464
Mountain Grove, Missouri 65711

Stewardship Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Kathy Lay
506 W. Elizabeth Street
Kirkville, Missouri 63501

Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. Joe Pingleton
Route 3, Box 14-A
Alton, Missouri

Field Worker: Mrs. Lucille Beatty
3100 Mt. Pleasant
St. Louis, Missouri 63111

Missions Chairman: Mrs. Peggy Davis
Independence, Missouri

Historian: Mrs. Jewell Campbell
325 Park Street
Neosho, Missouri 64850

I. We recommend that we comply with the following resolutions which were accepted at the 1969 WNAC convention; which read:

1. We recommend that Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws be changed to read as follows; "This convention shall be composed of the officers of said convention together with the field worker and president of each state convention, and the *fifteen (15)* delegates from each state which has paid in full its membership fee, and one delegate from each local auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body (district or state) and properly qualified by paying a representation fee of three dollars."

2. We recommend that a missionary conference may be counted as part of a study course in a local church when a mission book is read in connection with the conference, preferably one on the same fields represented in the conference.

3. Be it resolved that individual members of the Woman's Auxiliary exercise their responsibility as citizens by writing their congressmen and other government leaders their personal convictions concerning today's key issues, (viz) pornography, violence, communism, sex education without moral guidelines and Supreme Court rulings banning Bible reading and prayer from the public schools.

Further, we challenge you to put these steps in action upon your return home as evidence of your desire to "be fruitful unto every good work."

Further, that the WNAC provide information and guidelines for such letters at this convention.

AND add that we as a state send a letter as a body to this effect.

4. We recommend that, as citizens, we personally write television authorities requesting more educational programs such as those revealing the true facts concerning the use of drugs. We further recommend that letters of protest be written to networks and sponsors that televise programs that contain nudity, profane language and immoral conduct. Addresses are given below:

NBC-TV
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10020

CBS-TV
57 West Fifty-Second St.
New York, N.Y. 10019

ABC-TV
1330 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N.Y. 10019

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5. We recommend that the 1971 Theme and Watchword be as follows:

THEME: Ministering Unto Christ

WATCHWORD: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40b)

9. We recommend that we elect one member from each state to serve on the WNAC nominating committee in 1970 for study and the 1971 nominations. Lucille Beatty was elected.

II. We recommend that each district, or if no district, the Association area, send one person to serve on the nominating committee for the state officers.

III. We recommend that we form a study committee of five (5) persons to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for the State Auxiliary convention to be presented and adopted at the 1970 convention. Motion for President to appoint committee carried, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Elaine Spurgeon, Vivian Burton, Marion Wilhite, Evelyn Rehkop.

IV. We recommend that we have as a state project to help the Hannas this year, 1969-70, and use the slogan "Lend a Hand to the Hannas". The money, approximately \$1,000.00 needed, to be used to buy luggage, a tape recorder and camera to be used on their return trip to India.

For Your Information from WNAC: St. Louis

Resolution no. 8. Whereas our Auxiliaries are increasingly supporting Christian education, missions and missionary objectives through special Mission projects and through gifts sent directly through the boards or through Church treasuries, and whereas there is need for additional regular gifts to WNAC's General Fund, be it resolved that Co-Laborer offerings be designated for WNAC General Fund.

Recommendations from the Study Committee:

1. We recommend that the Standard requirements for student loan fund, page 12 in the Manual, be changed to read as follows:

3. *Gifts*—The Co-Laborer offerings sent monthly through proper channels, the offerings for missions following each special season of prayer, annual gifts to the Memorial Student Loan Fund, or to state or local loan funds provided for students at Free Will Baptist educational institutions, and WNAC's general fund, constitute the gift plan of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention."

2. We recommend that the change in the Manual, page 57, Article IV, Section 1, paragraph 2, adopted in July, 1966, be changed to read as follows:

"In areas where there is no state auxiliary convention affiliated with the National Auxiliary Convention, a district convention may represent directly to the National Convention with 5 delegates by payment of its membership fee. (In addition to these 5 the president and delegates from local auxiliaries would be recognized.) Local auxiliaries in an area where there is no state or district auxiliary convention may represent with 3 delegates."

(Above received as information.)

The Berkeley Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary had installation of officers for the year 1969 on Sunday evening, with Mrs. Lucille Beatty officiating. Those who were installed were (from left to right) Mrs. Wilma Barr, president; Mrs. Virginia Stone, vice-president; Mrs. Pearl Harless, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Verna Smith, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Gusta Barks, missions chairman; Mrs. Mildred Dobkins, study course chairman; Mrs. Francis Combs, program prayer chairman; Mrs. Auvern Lewis, personal prayer chairman. Mrs. Lucille Beatty is in background.

Verna Smith,
Corresponding Secretary



MTN. GROVE, MISSOURI JUNIOR AUXILIARY

The Junior Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove, Missouri meets the first Tuesday in every month along with the Women's Auxiliary for their Monthly meeting. Sponsor for this group is Mrs. Frankie Kemper. Following is part of the Auxiliary members as they attended the June meeting 1969: Mrs. Frankie Kemper, Miss Karla Phelps, Miss Lisa Gibson, Miss Robin Hurtt, Miss Pam Hurtt, Miss Laschell Upshaw, and Miss Andrea Upshaw. Absent from the group are Kirby Phelps, Doug Shannon, Kearn McCarty, Janet McCarty, Paulett Harker and Lyndel Harker.



"Lend A Hand To The Hanna's"

Carlisle Hanna's heart was broken and he broke our hearts as he shared with the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention the plight of India's millions on August 19, 1969.

This missionary not only broke our hearts, but he showed us how we could help in relieving the plight of many there. He shared a list of specific prayer requests. Also, after inquiry, he shared some of the physical items that would help the missionaries to serve their people more effectively.

As a result, the Convention adopted as their next year's project, "Lend A Hand to the Hanna's". It will consist of supplying approximately \$1,000 dollars worth of needed equipment.

Open your heart and hand wide and send your generous offerings soon to: Miss Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North Street, Mountain Grove, Missouri 65711.

Women's Retreat in 1970? Yes!

The Convention voted to conduct another Retreat in 1970. Watch for future announcements for exact dates.

Mrs. Gloria Carlson was appointed Chairman of the Food Committee and Mrs. Eunice Edwards as Chairman of the Program Committee.

The St. Louis District Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Southside Church, 3029 Mt. Pleasant, on Sept. 23, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. The theme for the Convention is *Prayer*.

Missouri Auxiliary Budget

The Budget allocations adopted at the Missouri State Convention in 1964 remain the same:

Tithes 10%

Student Loan 5%

Orphanage 5%

State Program 20%

Co-Laborer 30%

Local 30%

Send all gifts to State Treasurer:

Miss Hazel Hutsell

534 West North St.

Mountain Grove, Missouri 65711

The Overland Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met August 5, for their regular monthly meeting with 7 members and 2 visitors present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Sister Alice Stephens.

The report was read and accepted. The new and old business was taken care of.

We are happy to have Sister Thelma Cummins join our auxiliary.

We were sorry to lose our recording secretary, Sister Gloria Berry, who moved to Arkansas. She was a faithful member. We elected Sister Charlotte Whitecomb as our new recording secretary.

Since our vice-president's office was still open, we elected Sister Dottie Asher to fill it.

Our Co-Laborer lesson, "More Women Than Men . . . Why?", was presented by Sister Alice Stephens and then discussed.

Our meeting was dismissed in prayer by Sister Thelma Cummins.

Seven members of our auxiliary attended the WNAC dinner which we enjoyed very much. And we had a real good speaker.

Pray for our auxiliary that we may grow for the Lord.

Alice Milligan

Corresponding Secretary

The Berkeley Auxiliary had their monthly meeting August 6. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mrs. Virginia Stone. Minutes were read and approved. Reports were read from our Day Auxiliary and the Glenda Fulcher Circle. Our delegate to the WNAC National Convention, Mrs. Gerri Plummer, gave us her report on the happenings at the convention. Our offering this month will go to the Powells. There were fourteen present.

Verna Smith,

Corresponding Secretary

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of West Plains, Missouri, met for its regular meeting August 4, with 9 members and 3 visitors present. The Opening song was "Jesus Saves." Scripture reading was from Mark 6:33, 44.

Prayer by Phyllis Miller. Duet by Lounita Spears and Shirley Skiles.

Evelyn Daffaron, Program Prayer Chairman, took charge of our Co-Laborer lesson, "More Women Than Men . . . Why?" It was a good lesson, and we had a good discussion on why men were not so alert to the mission and church work as we women are. There were some very good points brought out on this subject. The lesson was closed by prayer by Hattie Sims.

Business meeting as follows: All officers gave good reports and had more plans to offer for another month's work. Corresponding Secretary had sent out 18 get well and sympathy cards. Mission Chairman selected the Rev. Mark Vandivort as our home missionary. It was voted to send \$10.00 to the Rev. Vandivort account, \$10.00 to the Rev. Frank Cousineau account, and \$1.00 per member to WNAC for Emphasis Month.

We were dismissed in prayer by Ladie Mae Spears.

Hattie Sims

Corresponding Secretary

MISSIONARY GIVING FROM MISSOURI

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS GIVING

Mr. & Mrs. Walden Robinson, Farmington	15.00
South Side FWB Church, St. Louis	47.00
Berkeley City FWB Church	59.10
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	4.00
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	20.00
Lindell Willhite, St. Louis	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
First FWB Church, Joplin	22.85
Mrs. Pearl Denton, Farmington	5.00
Columbia FWB Church	56.50
Richwood FWB Church	10.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB Church, Urbana	10.00
New Home FWB Church, Hartville	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vencie Long, Hartville	5.00
Central FWB Church, Kansas City	43.17
FWB Youth Camp, Niangua	297.13
Victory FWB Church, Avondale	25.82
Olivet FWB Church, Marshall	50.85
Rev. Cliff Bowman, Marshall	4.00
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite, Mtn. Grove	3.00
First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Myrtle FWB Church	10.00
FWB Church, Salem	10.00
Farmington FWB Church	24.28
Martinstown FWB Church, Worthington	35.00
Missouri State Home Mission Board, West Plains	785.67
Trinity FWB Church, Bridgeton	25.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	10.00
Rev. George I. Stilt, Fredericktown	5.00
FWB Ladies Auxiliary, Fredericktown	10.00
Leadington FWB Church	20.00
Jones Chapel FWB Church, Stork City	5.00
Laclede Co. quarterly Meeting, Falcon	24.42
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Keesling, Waynesville	5.00
Cooperative	219.67

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MISSOURI FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING

Month of July 1969

Cooperative Plan of Support	371.89
Neva Thomas, Kirksville	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hobert Slinkard, Fredericktown	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barker, St. Louis	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Willard L. Hovis, Normandy	20.00
Mrs. Lloyd Clift, Marshfield	10.00
Alton FWB Church	12.00
South Side FWB Church, St. Louis	155.00
Hannon FWB Church, Liberal	35.10
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Pleasant Home Church, Mtn. Grove	5.85
Hurryville FWB Church, Farmington	72.00
Copper Mines Teens Class, Fredericktown	6.50
Madison County Quarterly Meeting—Fredericktown	25.00
Mr. Ed Freeland—Fredericktown	20.00
Kirksville FWB Church	35.37
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hughes, Farmington	100.00
First FWB Church, Neosho	5.00
Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Stilwell, Kirksville	14.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Lee's Summit	15.00
Primary S.S. Dept—Berkeley FWB Church	25.00
Mr. John P. Smith, Ironton	4.00
Union Light FWB Church, Marquand	52.95
Mr. David A. Daffron, West Plains	5.00

First FWB Church, West Plains	50.76
Master's Men, Thayer	5.00
St. Joseph FWB Church, St. Joseph	10.75
First FWB Church—Springfield	44.13
Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	15.00
Columbia FWB Church	25.00
New Harmony S.S., Greentop	51.30
Richwoods FWB Church	10.00
Ruby Griffin Class-Intr. Girls,	
First FWB Church, Farmington	2.00
Central FWB Church, Kansas City	58.24
First FWB Church, Monett	305.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	147.50
Mr. & Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Junior S.S. Class, First FWB Church, Farmington	5.00
Senior S.S. Class, First FWB Church, Farmington	5.00
Victory FWB Church, Avondale	29.87
First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	95.24
Oak Grove FWB Church, Norwood	37.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Bridgeton	247.63
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barks, St. Louis	15.00
Mr. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Mr. David Buie, Overland	5.00
FWB Church, Slalem	10.00
Garfield Church, Couch	20.00
Myrtle FWB Church	43.49
Houston FWB Church	10.00
Primary Dept, Farmington	4.00
Wolf Creek Church, Mansfield	40.67
Farmington FWB Church	121.41
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Verdella FWB Church, Liberal	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Clift, Marshfield	6.00
Hazel Creek CTS, Kirksville	15.00
Martinstown FWB Church, Worthington	30.00
Alton FWB Church	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Barnett, Greentop	30.00
Oak Grove FWB, Norwood	98.24
First FWB Church, Bible School, Mtn. Grove	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	195.00
Northwest Missouri Assoc. Gower	103.50
Mr. W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Willow Springs FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	18.00
Mr. & Mrs. Porter Clark, Belton	5.00
Farmington FWB Ch., Fellowship Class	13.00
Leadington FWB Church	11.00
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge	109.50
Grace FWB Church, Arnold	17.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Fortney, Springfield	5.00
Lois M. Skaggs, Farmington	2.00
Mrs. Coy W. Rader, Marshfield	10.00
Lloyd D. Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Cuba FWB Church	8.00
FWB Church, Neosho	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barks, St. Louis	10.00
First FWB Church and Mens Class Desoto	31.50
Mr. Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Good Shepherd Church, Greentop	42.40
Cotton Creek FWB Church, VBS, Myrtle	5.00
St. Joseph FWB Mission, St. Joseph	11.05
Sonlight Missionary Conf., Mtn. Grove	17.30
Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	88.00
FWB Church of Berkeley, Berkeley	147.50
Myrtle FWB Church	37.00
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	8.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	4.00
First FWB Church, Intr. Boys S.S., Farmington	4.00
Leadington FWB Church	15.00

\$3,775.64

SIDE PREACHERS

by Rev. Franklin Wiley

Several years ago in Logan County a preacher was contacted by a deacon of another church in another state to see if he would pastor their church. He stated that the church had prayed and felt that he was the one man God wanted them to have as their pastor. At the time this man was pastoring a church full time and he had children. After some fashion and conversation the pastor asked the deacon how much they paid because he did have a family to consider. The deacon replied, "don't worry about that, preacher, the Lord will take care of you." And the pastor replied, "All right, my family will just move in with you and the Lord can take care of both of us."

Scripture: I Timothy 5:17-18, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the labourer is worthy of his reward."

One only needs to travel around and see the churches to realize that things are bad, because many people are leaving the churches, as well as the few who are getting saved. Something is wrong and to say one particular item is the cause of all our troubles is missing the mark. We have better buildings but this has proved to have fallen short of attracting and

keeping people in the church. We have failed to build lives but why? I would like to elaborate on one of the causes of the decline. **The side preachers.** We have too many **pastors who are preaching on the side**, who are satisfied with preaching on Sunday night and being respected by all; and who are preaching on subjects that tend to please the lot; **side preachers** who never visit the sick except their own family; **side preachers** who have grown tired of working eight hours and then pastoring a church and who have become satisfied with only token service. The demands are greater today on a pastor than what it was several years ago. The West Virginia coal fields have produced a type of preacher who states and who believes that all preachers should work **and then pastor on the side**. Yet Jesus stated, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Preaching should come first, not second or last. A preacher told men one time that he did not have the faith to try to pastor a church on a full time basis. He meant he would have to give up his job security and if he did not make it as a full time pastor he would not be able to get the job again. These ministers will not preach full time pastorates, for they will not give up their job and they would have to be replaced if the church decided to do so. Another item he would have to preach in order to have a full time pastor is tithes. Paul told Timothy "the labourer is worthy of his reward." Jesus told seventy workers to go forth and "carry neither purse, nor scrip" for the people were to support them. If this was done today the preachers would end up on DPA. Some churches say "we have a full time pastor" and when questioned a little further we learn that a man has become disabled and receiving social security and they are giving him anything from \$30 to \$100.00 a month or sometimes the Sunday night offering. This is not full time service. If they are disabled enough to receive social security they are not really able to do all the things a pastor who will be able to work for God and be able to support his family from the church salary without losing his vitality. Too many hours will tear down a preacher as well as the ditch digger. After a man has worked eight or more hours a day he is still expected to attend every church function as well as visit the hospitals, homes, etc., and be a father to his children and a husband to his wife. If he loses some of his fire we replace him. We say he is no different, yet we expect him to be. He is required to preach a weekday funeral even if he must miss a day's work and pay, yet we say he is not different. A true pastor is different. He is called by the Holy God and he has a job to do. He can do that job better if he had the time and energy. I have heard people say about Free Will Baptist preachers that preaching a sermon is the same as working in the mines eight hours a day. How much does a miner get for a day's work? Please bear in mind that just getting a full time pastor will not solve the problem but it will help, especially if you get a real Free Will Baptist preacher who preaches the Bible and does this job. The doctrine of the Free Will Baptists can't be beaten by any other denomination. Give that pastor an opportunity to preach and do what God has called him to do.

If we have side preachers we will eventually have side congregations.

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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY

Mrs. Beatty and I met our families in the Shepherd of the Hills area for the holidays, July 4 and 5, for an annual family reunion. On Sunday morning, July 6, we worshiped with pastor Charles Gower at the Pleasant Ridge Church near Alton. I was privileged to deliver the message. Bro. Gower baptized some new converts Sunday afternoon in the Eleven Points River. Under his leadership the church is growing and Pastor Gower is hopeful that the church will soon adopt the Cooperative Plan of support. Our prayers ascend in behalf of the Gower family who suffered the loss of their teen aged son by drowning in June.

The Robert Francis family was commissioned for National Home Missions service in the South Side Church Sunday, July 13. The Home Department was in charge of the service. Rev. Ben Scott, one of Bro. Bob's former pastors, preached the commissioning sermon. Several present for the National Association attended this service.

The Youth services preceding the National were excellent. The messengers for the Woman's Auxiliary and the National Association truly delivered the Word of the Lord. The harmonious business sessions, including the unanimous decision to up date the Treatise, indicates the Hand of the Lord is upon our denomination.

Sunday evening, July 20, we visited Pastor H. T. Dann and the Bible Free Will Baptist Church to encourage them in the work of the Lord. They are winning some to the Lord in their home and hospital ministry. This church is located at 3731 McDonald Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

The St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting assembled with Grace Church Friday evening, July 25. I was delegated to deliver the message for this service.

July 26, I attended the North East Association held with the Kirksville Church. Missionary Carlisle Hanna was the guest speaker for the entire Association. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed in every service. Time was given for our cooperative program which is supported by 60% of their churches. New and increased support was pledged at this time.

Sunday morning, July 27, I delivered the sermon in the Hazel Creek church. They have annexed a nice metal trailer to their sanctuary giving them six additional Sunday school class rooms. They support some phases of our state work also.

That evening Sister Beatty and I attended Sister Alta Mikel's service, The Good Shepherd Church, Greentop, Missouri. I was guest speaker for this service. Sister Mikel continues to win souls for our Lord in her home community.

This month brings our fiscal year to a close. First, we say Thank God for every soul saved this year, I really want to say Halleluah! Secondly, a great big thank you and commendation to every cooperative supporter, we went over our \$46,000 goal. Thus, Missouri leads every state in cooperative giving through the National Association. Thirdly, thank you Missouri Brethren for \$2,103.60 donated to the entertainment fund for the National Association which was sent directly through your treasurer.

Remember that Bibles and books of many publishers are available at your state owned Book Store.

JULY COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS 1969

Cedar Ridge	(June)	194.91
New Rock Springs		22.00
Mt. Pogue	June	27.00
Myrtle	(June)	173.54
Victory	June	153.39
Hannon		70.20
Copper Mines		53.20
Eldorado First		5.00
Byrd F.W.B. Church	adopted	10.00
Salem		20.00
Pleasant Hill		10.00
Union Light		13.70
Liberty		71.74
Fourth	June	171.54
Viburnum	June	44.61
Garfield	June	30.22
Mel's Chapel	June	32.58
Beacon		116.39
Richwoods		108.77
Olivette	June	106.18
Pleasant Ridge	June	11.35
Granby	June	23.49
First F.W.B. Church, West Plains		68.00
Pleasant Home	June	78.65
Mill Creek	June	81.60
New Harmony Sunday school		9.89
Monett	June	106.64
Central Kansas City		150.00
Berkeley	June	347.86
Thayer	June	51.41
Mtn. Grove	June	247.36
Martinsburg		40.00
New Prospect S.S.	July	89.00
Rock Chapel		26.21
New Home		20.73
Hickory Grove		18.11
Copper Mines		45.00
Farmington		139.84
Carterville		22.69
James Chapel	June/July	20.00
Marshfield	July	4.20
Fellowship	July	50.00
Leadington 167.00	June	167.00
Sunnyview	July	9.11
Desoto	July	67.00
Cabool	July	45.30
Mine La Motte	July	18.06
Trinity	July	100.00
Lebanon First	July	250.00
Fourth, St. Louis	July	140.04
Eldorado First	April	3.00
Cope	July	18.93
St. Joseph	July	22.11
Granby	July	44.05
Mt. Valley	Apr./May/June	79.29
Berkeley	July	276.77
Auburn Chapel	June	114.90
Flat River First	July	251.51
Willow Springs F.W.B.	July	55.13
South Side, St. Louis	July	176.00
Total		\$4,925.20

Disbursed July 1969	
National Assn. F.W.B. \$2.00%	\$2,561.12
1.00% Mo. C.T.S. & S.S.	49.25
1.00% Mo. Superannuation	49.25
3.75% Gen.	184.70
4.00% Youth Camp	197.00
8.25% General Fund	406.33
14.00% Promotional Department	689.53
16.00% Missouri State Missions	788.02
100% Total disbursed	\$4,925.20

National Assn. Entertainment Funds	
Received, July 1969	
Niangua Assn.	\$50.00
Cedar Ridge Ch. in Niangua Assn.	25.00
Laclede Co. Assn. Pd. in Full	60.00
Greater Kansas City Assn.	140.00
Central Western Assn.	161.59
Black Oak in Liberty Assn.	12.00
Marshfield, in Liberty Assn.	12.00
Missouri Assn.	310.21
Martinsburg, in No. East Assn.	10.00
Cuba F.W.B. in St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting	12.00
County Quarterly Meeting	12.00
Cave Springs Assn.	132.00
JULY	924.80
Plus previous receipts	1,178.80
Grand Total	\$2,103.60