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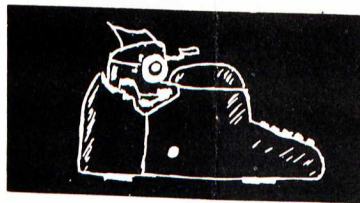
SUNDAY SCHOOLS ON REVIEW

September Averages

Fourth, St. Louis	147
Trinity, St. Louis	146
Farmington	142
West Plains	138
Central, Kansas City	130
First, Lebanon	99
Desloge	86
KoshKonong	80
O'Fallon	67
Desoto	62
Sunnyview, Lebanon	53
Hannon	50
Salem	41
St. Joseph	36

(Please send in the Sunday school averages from your church.)

As your editor I am asking your careful review of your magazine, The GEM. I would like to know what you would like to see appear in the publication. I would like to know your criticism as well as your likes. This will enable me to better serve you and to communicate the message as editorially correct as possible. Give this issue your careful viewing and let me hear from you.



THE EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It is my desire this month to take a look at the new mission churches in our state. It is such a thrill to share spiritually some of the blessings these churches are having.

The romance of missions is a fascinating thing. It is a tale of tears and triumphs. It is a record of victorious conquest. It is a dramatic story of success and suffering.

Our Home Missionaries have gone into nearly every corner of Missouri with the message of Christ for Missouri Free Will Baptists. Their success, in these brief stories, will help every one of us rejoice as we share the wonderful blessings each minister and member has felt. It will also stir us to share in their low times.

Not every church listed in this issue was started by a salaried Home Missionary. Some were men who felt a call from God to enter a certain city with the message of Christ. Some of these churches were formed because laymen and families had moved into that city and found no Free Will Baptist work and started a Sunday school and then called a minister to the field. Of course, the work of Missions is greatly enlarged through the efforts an organized Mission Board and their Missionaries as we see the story presented in this issue in reviewing the great work of missions in Missouri.



For more Missionaries,

Alton Loveless

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We hear a lot of talk about revival. Just what is revival anyway? The dictionary says it is being restored to life, vigor, and strength. It means to be restored to a former condition and to start functioning and operating again. Often an evangelist comes and a few during the week may be saved. Perhaps a family or two start back to church. However, after the evangelist leaves things in the church remain the same. The Christians in the church were not affected. A real revival changes the believer. He begins to pray, work and witness. He becomes more faithful to Christ. He has a greater burden for the lost and a deeper love for his brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Christian leaders across our land are crying for revival. We as pastors are frustrated because of the indifference of our people. We wonder many times why there is little power in our preaching. We are discouraged because of our empty altars. Why doesn't the power of God fall upon our lives and our churches? Why does revival tarry?

First of all I believe revival taries because of the lack of agonizing prayer. James 4:2 says, "*Ye have not because ye ask not.*" When I think of the power of prayer I am reminded of Elijah. Picture him in your mind as he stood upon Mt. Carmel. See him as he stands beside his offering and hear him as he calls upon his God. Elijah prayed and I Kings 18:38, says, "Then the fire of the Lord fell." God was glorified that day because the prophet prayed. Before the fires of revival are kindled in our churches, the throne of God must be bombarded with our effectual fervent prayers. Prayer is a sleeping giant in most of our churches. It is so necessary but so little used.

A fire often begins with just a little match but it soon spreads over the entire forest. You may not be a pastor. You may not hold a single office in your church. Perhaps your talents are few, but I challenge you to find a place every day and get on your knees. The power of God cannot be learned. It can only be earned through prayer. It has been well said that we have many organizers but few agonizers, many singers but few clingers, many pastors but



few wrestlers, many interferers but few intercessors, and much fashion but little passion. As a result our lives and our churches have little power.

After the ascension the disciples returned from the Mount of Olives to the upper room. The Bible says in Acts 1:14, "*They continued with one accord in prayer.*" They prayed and the power fell. They were filled with courage and went from door to door telling of the risen Savior. Do we lack courage and zeal? Are our lives all but fruitless? We must do more tarrying before the Lord.

Secondly, I suggest revival taries because of the lack of faith. In Ezekiel 37 we read of an unusual situation. God carried Ezekiel and set him down in a valley of dry bones. All around were dead men's bones. God said, "Ezekiel preach to these bones." Ezekiel didn't say, "Now, Lord, I can't do this. These folks have been dead for years. I can't do them any good." Ezekiel was convinced of God's power and when he obeyed God, things began to happen. The bones began to move. Human skeletons were formed. Flesh covered the bones and the once dead bodies stood and lived. If God can revive a valley full of dry bones, I believe He is able to revive Free Will Baptist church members.

In this day of ungodliness and sin, discouragement is taking its toll among Christian workers. Many men have even

left the ministry. How we need a real moving of God's spirit in our lives and in our churches. The cry is for revival! Do we really believe, however, that God will send it? James 1:6-7 says, "*But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.*" Doubt will rob us of the victory. We must simply believe that the Lord is able to send revival.

Thirdly, I believe revival taries because of the lack of confession. In Lamentations 3:40-42 we read, "*Let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.*" Friends, we need to perform a spiritual surgery in our lives. We need to examine ourselves. I fear that often when we look into our hearts, we see only a reflection of ourself. Are we denying ourselves and sacrificing to get the gospel to the lost? Do we discipline the flesh and go out and visit and witness for Christ? What about your attitude? Is there envy, jealousy, or malice in your heart against a neighbor or perhaps a brother or sister in the church? Have you drifted away from your Lord? Do you love the world more than Christ and His church? If we cover our sins, revival will tarry. In Isaiah 57:15 God said, "*I dwell in the high and holy place with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*" Revival comes when believers will humble themselves and confess their sins.

Dear friends, let us agonize before God. Let us not allow the Devil to convince us that God is weak and helpless but let us realize anew that we still serve an omnipotent God. Thirdly, let us examine ourselves and God grant that all of us will be big enough and honest enough to confess our sins. Revival need not tarry.

Rev. Maggart is pastor of the St. Joseph Church under the direction of Missouri Mission Board.

Call For The Church Help

that can't

stop growing

If you know of persons in the areas of any of the following mission churches, contact the name below.

JACKSON

Rev. Charles H. Moyers
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OLIVET (MARSHALL)

Rev. Cliff Bowman
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COLUMBIA

Rev. Mark Vandivort
Route 4
Columbia, Missouri 65201

O'FALLON

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716 Sandy Lane
O'Fallon, Missouri

DESOTO

Rev. Charles Miller
306 Moulton
DeSoto, Missouri 63020

ST. JOSEPH

Rev. Vernon Maggart
2995 Blackwell Road
St. Joseph, Missouri

ST. PAUL (MINN.)

Rev. Robert Francis
590 Mendota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Your support to any of these churches should be sent to the Headquarters earmarked designating church you wish to aid.

The Olivet Free Will Baptist Church is a church that just can't stop growing. It can't because the real mission of the church is to be a gospel light not only to that community but to the whole world. This church is well on it's way to fulfilling the New Testament plan for the church.

In May of 1968 the Cliff Bowman family accepted the work of the Marshall church under the direction of the Missouri Home Mission Board and moved there on the fourth of that month. The first service was held the next day, May 5, with only one Marshall family present, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swanigan and their three children, Danny, Brenda, and Cherri. Additional families to aid in the first service were present from Cuba and Jackson making a total of 25 for the first service.

The Marshall Church today is averaging 70 in Sunday School and above 100 in the morning worship service. The Sunday evening average is above 90 and the Wednesday evening service is above 75. The church has received 97 members and baptized a total of 52 since it began services.

The church has experienced 23 consecutive weeks with decisions being made for Jesus Christ.

In only one year the church has assumed all the financial obligation from the State Mission Board and is contributing 10 per cent to the Missouri Co-operative fund with designated gifts to Home Missions and the Missouri Youth Camp.

The church is near the capacity of the present facility and plans to enlarge are now under consideration.

Pastor Bowman credits the work of the Holy Spirit and the efforts of his congregation in reaching the community where many unchurched and unsaved people are living. This church is a testimony that Christ is very much alive today.



Laymen are called to service

The history of the De Soto Free Will Baptist Church shares an unusual story considering how God mysteriously carries out His work.

The Rev. Charles Moyer, now the pastor of the Jackson mission church, had just resigned one of the churches in Festus, and was approached concerning starting a Free Will Baptist work in DeSoto.



The possibilities of a church in De Soto had been investigated as far back as 10 years by Rev. Rolla Smith and Rev. Billy Buster.

But it was on March 27, 1966, that the church met and organized their Sunday School. On April 3, 1966, under the leadership of Rev. Moyers, the first service was held with 23 attending.

In the late summer, the church moved into a store building on South Main Street with Sunday School classrooms upstairs and an auditorium downstairs.

The church held its first revival in September, 1966, with Rev. Clarence Burton as evangelist.

In February, 1967, the church held another revival with Brother Charles Miller, a deacon, from the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge.

On June 16, 1967, the State Mission Board organized the De Soto mission into a Free Will Baptist church.

Brother Charles Miller, a deacon from the Desloge Church, was called to pastor the newly formed church and was licensed to preach the gospel at the next quarterly meeting. After the organization the church began to grow with 10 added to the church by September.

On October 3, 1967, the church met and proposed a building program. The building was built through the Executive Bond program of the National Association and by December 20, 1967, had sold enough bonds, and with what money held in the building fund, to buy one and one-half acres of land and to build the new church basement.

The church basement was completed December 10, 1968, with eight classrooms, office, two rest rooms and auditorium. It is now equipped with forced heat and air-conditioning.

The church was taken into the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting.



Fifty-seven members are now on the church roll, with 72 enrolled in Sunday school and the record attendance is 101.

Yes, Jesus called a layman to service. The church in De Soto would not be there if it had not been for interested and dedicated laymen who gave, prayed and laboured that God might establish a work there for Christ. The first deacons "preached Jesus" and laymen are still working today.

FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER — 1969

Indian Creek Assoc., Cassville	47.46
Willard L. Hovis, Sr., Normandy	12.00
Thayer FWB Church, Thayer	16.57
Hobert Slinkard, Fredericktown	10.00
Lloyd Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Otho McCormack, Springfield	5.00
South Side FWB Church, Lemay	125.00
Anonymous, West Plains	5.00
First FWB Church, West Plains	26.00
Karen Matthews, Fredericktown	6.50
Young Married Class,	
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	5.00
Martinstown FWB Church, Novinger	30.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	7.92
Phillip Fry, Mountain Grove	8.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Salem	10.00
Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Farmington FWB Church, Farmington	12.00
Clayton Ramsey, Farmington	4.00
Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	45.00
Berkeley FWB Church, St. Louis	200.00
First FWB Church, Farmington	4.00
Twin City FWB Church, Festus	34.27
Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Floyd E. Green, Lee's Summit	15.00
W. Porter Clark, Belton	5.00
Kenneth Stilwell, Kirksville	14.00
Rev. T. O. Hutchison, Neosho	1.00
FWB Woman's Aux., Cuba	3.00
John P. Smith, Ironton	4.00
Walter C. Price, Florissant	20.00
Hannon FWB Church, Liberal	35.70
Samuel Lewis Hall, Kansas City	10.00
St. Joseph FWB — St. Joseph	9.05
Farmington FWB Church, Farmington	141.56
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Farmington FWB Church, Farmington	13.00
Alton FWB Church, Alton	13.30
Pleasant Ridge FWB Church, Urbana	18.50
Rev. & Mrs. Len Gardner, Mack's Creek	5.00
Garfield Sunday School, Couch	20.00
Lois M. Skaggs, Farmington	4.00
Grace FWB Church, Arnold	31.25
Verdella FWB Church, Liberal	10.00
Columbia FWB Church, Columbia	10.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley	147.50
Missouri State Association, St. Louis	65.15
First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	87.16
Davie N. Combs, West Plains	20.00
Willard L. Hovis, Normandy	24.00
Mr. & Mrs. Houston Cummins, Houston	10.00
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Houston FWB Church, Houston	10.00
New Harmony S.S., Greentop	47.82
Master's Men, Thayer	5.00
Oak Grove Church, Norwood	101.00
Mrs. & Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Fortner, Springfield	5.00
Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
First FWB Church, DeSoto	31.50
Leadington FWB Church, Leadington	26.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	22.50
Mr. W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Wolf Creek FWB Church, Mansfield	44.08
Lt. Larry Barnett, Greentop	10.00
Herman Barnett, Greentop	5.00
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge	92.00
Harmony Quarterly Meeting, Seymour	15.00
Mr. Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Low Ground FWB Church, Novinger	5.00
Mrs. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barks, St. Louis	10.00
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	15.00
Lloyd Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	205.00
Union Light FWB Church, Marquand	48.17
Coop	500.37
	\$2,698.33



CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

CENTRAL CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

The Central Church of Kansas City welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. Dale Jones and family, with a cupboard shower. Mary Williams, the Correspondant, reports "the Lord blessed in this sharing of our food supplies and it was an effective way of showing our welcome and hospitality."

You may listen to the Central Church choir and pastor each Saturday morning at 9:30 A.M. over station K.C.L.O., Leavenworth, Kansas.

LEBANON HAS NEW PASTOR

The Rev. Roger Harwell of Norman, Oklahoma has accepted the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon. Rev. Harwell, his wife, Barbara and daughter Johnce, have moved to Lebanon and assumed his new duties.

He is an Alumnus of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee, and has pastored churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas

LONE STAR

The Lone Star Church, Seymour, is still growing spiritually and in number according to Katie Summerman, their correspondant. The church reports 2 baptisms in September and two young men, Larry Broome and Lester Davis, have been called to the ministry. The reporter states "In the time I have been attending this church, we have had twelve baptizings, and only a few months before I started, there had been fifteen baptized on one Sunday. You can see for yourself that our church is growing in membership as well as spiritually."



WAYNESVILLE HAS REVIVAL

The Waynesville church experienced revival recently with James McAllister as the Evangelist. Vergel A. Manness, Pastor, acknowledges, "nine persons claimed Christ for their Saviour, four formally made rededication of their lives, and four professed they came to the real assurance of their salvation."

Pastor Maness also states, "Among those saved one stated, 'I have been trying to believe I was saved . . . but I realized this morning I was not and now I am.'" The church was shocked, but thank God, we needed to be shocked. There may be a host of people in your church like this. Thank God, He is still alive and sending Power to the church to witness. The members state this to be the best revival they have attended in their Christian experience, and are to reschedule Evangelist McAllister for another meeting."

PARKVIEW HAS YOUTH SUNDAY

The Parkview Church, Desloge, held a Youth Day, Sunday, September 28th, with the young people in charge of the offices and classes for the day.

The Rev. Don Rehkop, a student from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and a member of the Fellowship Church of Flat River, was the morning speaker.

The Sunday School hour was attended by 100 climaxed by promotions and special awards.

The afternoon featured the Lebonaires, a teenage group, from Festus who blessed with message and gospel songs.

Leroy Huff is superintendant and Rev. Harley Brown is pastor of this fine church, which also reports three

baptisms September 14.

The reporter, Alice Bowen, also states, "plans were made to increase the Sunday school by organized visitation. The Inspiration Scripture for this program is, 'Ye have not, because ye ask not.'"

EVANGELIST JAMES MCALLISTER REPORTS

Evangelist James McAllister reports 62 decisions while in revival with the O'Fallon, Waynesville, and Marshall churches during the month of September.

O'FALLON CHURCH MOVED SPIRIT- UALLY

The O'Fallon church has experienced a spirit filled month following a revival with Evangelist Jim McAllister. The revival produced fifteen conversions and six rededications.

Pastor Dale Underwood reports ten additions to the church during the month of September. Those uniting into the O'Fallon fellowship were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunter and their daughters Cheryl and Beckey, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Deadman, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bassham.

The church has purchased a lot adjoining the present property and are preparing for the erection of the first unit of the church building.

The congregation hews a growth in Sunday school with an average of 32 in July, 34 in August, and 67 for September.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Lester Nutting to Picher, Oklahoma from Carterville.

Rev. O. T. Alred to Monett as interim pastor.

Rev. Ted Davis has resigned East Independence.

Rev. James Henson to Sunnyview.

Rev. Ken Goff entered full-time service at Warrensburg Mission.

(Please notify the GEM of all pastoral changes.)

NEWS RELEASE FOR MISSOURI GEM

MOORE, OKLAHOMA . . . Seven Missouri students are enrolled for the 1969 fall semester at Oklahoma Bible College, according to Registrar Eugene Workman.

Three of these students have been chosen for places of student leadership. Mr. DePriest has been elected president of the sophomore class and Mr. Hampton is serving as class chaplain. Mr. Bigelow has been elected as secretary of the Ministerial Fellowship, an organization for ministerial students enrolled at OBC.

Oklahoma Bible College, which is authorized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to operate as a junior college and to offer appropriate Associate in Arts degrees, has initiated a change in the scheduling of the usual two semesters. By beginning the current semester August 26, 1969, students will be able to complete their final examinations for the first semester prior to the Christmas holidays on December 19. When they return to campus January 5, 1970, the second semester of course work will commence. This alteration in schedule will free students from preparations for final examinations during the Christmas break and will allow the 1969-70 college year to end with Commencement Exercises May 15.

The College, which first began classes in 1959, has been located on its thirty-six acre campus three miles south of Moore on Interstate Highway 35 since September of 1966. The College is unique in that it requires each student to be enrolled in at least one Bible-related course per semester. The basic financial support of the College is underwritten by the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists. During the 1969-70 fiscal year, a total of \$598.74 was given to OBC by Missouri supporters.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE REPORTS RECORD ENROLLMENT

The Administration of Free Will Baptist Bible College has announced a first semester record enrollment of 420

students. The school began its 28th year of operation with 386 registering for the regular day program and 34 more enrolling for evening classes. New students, registering for the first time, number 168, coming from 23 states.

The school's 1968 enrollment for the first semester was 411.

Attending from Missouri at the Nashville, Tennessee Bible school are Steve Burton, Berkeley; Gary Matthews, Raytown; Leonard Tallent, St. Louis; and Kathy Tinsley, Bismarck.

Missouri has contributed 26% toward its goal of \$12,000 quota and at present is ahead of its compared time of last year. To date the State has given \$16,570.86 toward the Expansion Program and has \$1,582.02 in unpaid commitments.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

The St. Joseph church continues to advance under the leadership of Pastor Vernon Maggart. Pastor Maggart, who assumed the pastorate a year ago has led in a continued growth in both the Sunday School and Church. The adjoining photograph was taken October 5th during the Sunday School General Assembly. There were 48 present. The Lord is continuing to bless this church.

JACKSON CHURCH

The Jackson church held their first service April 6, 1969, with a total of 26 present. This church under the leadership of Rev. Charles Moyers is showing a continued growth of interest as they continue to meet in a dwelling which seats about 80 and space for 5 class rooms.

The church correspondant, Mrs. O. J. Stone, requests the prayers of every Free Will Baptist Gem reader that local workers will be added to their church as they continue in His service.

COLUMBIA HAS GOOD YEAR

Pastor Mark Vandivort reports, "The first Sunday in October was the kind of day we had been praying for. During the morning service one of our junior boys was saved. He and his family started attending this summer. One of his

friends who visited our church for the first time was saved in the evening service." The church had a total of 35 present and received \$263.00, of which \$63 was designated to missions and Bible College.

The church has enlarged its chapel to a seating capacity of 75. Pastor Vandivort states, "This extension will later become an addition to our parsonage. Our people felt that this would be a practical growth step before going into debt for a church building."

The church has a heavy financial responsibility for their land and the missionary pastor's salary has begun the gradual phasing out as scheduled with the State Mission Board.



Columbia Church fellowship



St. Joseph Church



Jackson Church



OBC MISSOURI STUDENTS - kneeling: Howard Hansley, Couch; and Wesley Bigelow, Kansas City. Standing are: Mary Jean Brown, Kansas City; Janice Fogerson, Mountain Grove; Roger DePriest, St. Johns; and Tom Hampton, Springfield. Absent at the time of the picture was Frank Johnson, Alton.

The Blessings of being A Missionary Pastor

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. (Psalm 77:12)

By Charles L. Miller

IT IS STILL somewhat overwhelming to think of myself as a Mission Pastor even after twenty-seven months in the city of DeSoto, Missouri. This is the beginning of my ministry, having assumed leadership of the church, while still a deacon, after the resignation of Brother Charles Moyers, the first pastor. Certainly the past two years have been the times of the greatest blessings of Almighty God upon our lives. There is absolutely nothing like being in the perfect will of God, to feel His very presence, to feel the power of the resurrection, to meditate upon His wonderful works here, and to talk of His doings.

My mind goes back now to our beginning in an old store building on Main Street which we were renting for \$75.00 per month. A very small congregation meeting for regular services, praying in the Holy Spirit that God would lead us in every respect, and send forth laborers into the vineyard. What a blessing to see Him marvelously answer! He sent forth laborers, the church began to grow, and our financial needs were wonderfully supplied. We have never had a financial crises. From this time through the sale of our bonds, the purchase of one and one-half acres of land, the actual building of our building, the money was always there. Sometimes materials were purchased beyond our building fund total, but they were always paid when due. Thank God! It would be well to remember that all of this was done without benefit of a full-time missionary, or financial support from the Mission Board, but through the faith plus the determination of the people. We now have \$22,000 worth of church property and our maximum indebtedness was \$11,500.

As I think upon the blessings of the ministry, ranking high on the list would be the enthusiasm displayed by the

people. This could be graphically illustrated with the words of one of our teens at the 1967 State Youth Camp when she stood and testified, "Thank God, we're going to have a Free Will Baptist Church in DeSoto." We have set out with a contagious enthusiasm to make this a reality. The early church was an enthusiastic group. They had something worth telling and they did it with astounding results. By the Grace of God and a holy zeal we intend to perform the task set before us.

And in counting our blessings we certainly must mention the unity of this mission church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 4, Verse 32, we read that, "*the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul.*" We claim this truth of the Word of God as our own here. This unity is an absolute must if any church moves forward. It is attained only when a people at all times realize that there is one name that must have the pre-eminence, and that name is Jesus, that our eyes must be continually upon the cross where He died that we could be saved, that the common goal is the salvation of all lost people, and that we must continually "*press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of*

God in Christ Jesus." In this blessed position we can know the full meaning of Galatians 3:28 where, "*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*" There is unity here that we seldom see in this present day of spiritual darkness. Again we humbly say, Thank God!

Now I must say something about faithfulness. We have been particularly blessed with a devoted Sunday School staff, from the Superintendent through the teachers and assistants. This faithfulness is demonstrated at each appointed meeting time with little or no absences. Our Sunday School has consistently received the attendance banner for most present in our St. Francis County Sunday School Convention. This convention is held the first Sunday afternoon of every quarter. The banner is awarded on the basis of average Sunday School attendance, but it is not unusual for this church to have the greatest total number present. In our most recent meeting, Sunday October 5th, we were represented with a total of fifty-three present, a greater number than any other church in the convention. Now this may seem to some a small thing, and it may be, but to me this is faithfulness. Jesus said, "*He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.*" (Luke 16:10a). To me, church attendance is the least thing we can do, but our faithfulness must begin here. I doubt that people are faithful at all who are not first faithful in assembling themselves together. One of the blessings of



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"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

this mission pastor is a faithful people.

There are many more things that I could mention, but for the lack of space I will talk of just one more, the subject of obedience: “—but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you,” says Romans 6:17b.

My cup runs over when I remember the first Communion and Feet Washing service in the history of our church. I had begun to feel that I had not been completely faithful in that I had not led my people into this precious service. In discussing this with the board of deacons, we were in complete agreement that if the blessings of God were to continue we must obey Him in this matter also. A date was set for Sunday night, March 2, 1969. Many things went through my mind as we looked forward to this time. A great majority of the people had never been in a feet washing service. What would be the result?

Would the people participate? Would it be a success? Would they come to the service or would they stay home this night as the case is in many churches?

Perhaps these questions showed a lack of faith, as the results later showed, but this ordinance is frowned upon even by many church bodies. I have heard people in some places say that it is foolish, but the words of Jesus were ever before me, “If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.” (John 13:14,17).

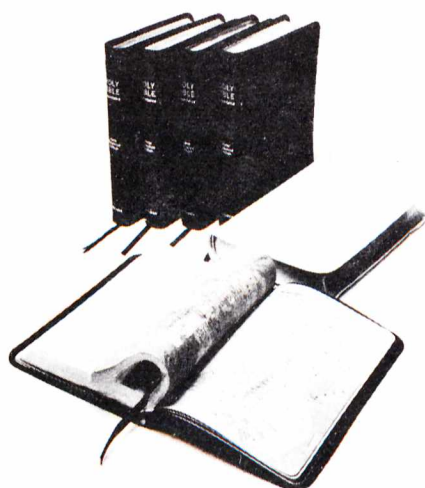
Well, the time came and we had our usual Sunday night congregation which is nearly as large as the morning service. I was greatly encouraged, but the best was yet to come. Every eligible person observed the Lord’s Supper. And when the call was made to assemble in the room prepared for the Washing of the Saints’ Feet, the result was over-

whelming. From the juniors through the teens to the adults, the people gave themselves to this service in obedience to the Lord’s example! The youngest participant was nine years old.

At the end of the service — and what a rejoicing it was — I asked this questions, “How many have washed feet tonight for the first time?” About thirty people raised hands. A great example of obedience and desire to please God.

The blessings of this pastor have been numerous and I think that the work here in DeSoto proves at least one thing — that a “tentmaker” and a unified, enthusiastic, faithful, and obedient people can still build for the glory of God. It was done in the first century, and it can be done today!

Rev. Charles Miller is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, DeSoto, Missouri.



thou hast broken the yoke of
burden, and the staff of his
er, the rod of his p- ^{1 Jc 7:22}
; as in the day of 'Mid'i-an. ^{Isa 10:26}
every battle of the warrior is

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my feet. Jesus answered
ash thee not, thou hast no
2. ^{1 Isa 52:15}
eter saith unto am, Lord,
only, but also my hands ^{1 Co 6:11}

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ACCURATE ACCOUNTING

Have you ever said, "The next time I'll know what to do," "I will do that differently the next time," or "If I had just known," about some project that you have just finished?

Sometimes the "next time" is upon us before we realize we are in the same rut as before.

Perhaps the idea of preparing the annual Secretary and Treasurer's reports for next year would be received by a frown, a wait until later, or why now? attitude. Even so, now is the time to have our records in order and keep them in order all the year.

As we pause to look at the total report of money channeled through the State Auxiliary Treasurer's office last year several things are brought to mind. Some of these things are: that \$651.86 more money was received than the year before.

The gifts and offerings received this past year have been sent through the district treasurers more consistently than ever before, except for one district. This is an improvement over past years.

In addition to the gifts sent for the general fund for Home Missions and Foreign Missions, gifts were sent to 29 individual missionary accounts. Also, gifts were sent to the Missouri Youth Camp, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Student Loan Fund, Co-Laborer Fund, WNAC general fund, and eight other mission churches or projects.

In addition to the above gifts, which were disbursed as received, approximately \$625.00 was paid for our WNAC dues and operating expense for the State Auxiliary Treasurer's office for

this purpose were the annual representation dues and the tithes, which totaled \$622.00

Perhaps you have wondered where funds were available for the necessary expenses for operating the State Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer's office. Or, maybe you haven't thought about it except that the money was there from somewhere. One fourth of, or 25¢ of the \$1.00 per member annual representation dues sent to the state office, is kept in the state with the 75¢ per member being sent on to WNAC. The gifts received earmarked "tithes" are kept for use by the State Auxiliary.

With the present postage rates and the desire for more printed reports to be available and the various other needs in order to be of more service to the Auxiliaries in the state, it is important that each Auxiliary send the proper amount of annual representation dues and that they consider sending a tithe of their auxiliary offerings for the State Woman's Auxiliary work.

A printed annual Treasurer's Report was made available at the State Auxiliary Convention at Leadington, Missouri, in August. If you, or someone from your Auxiliary, didn't receive one of these reports you may receive one, as long as the present supply lasts, by writing to the State Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer and requesting a copy of the report.

Perhaps closest contact between the local secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary and the State Woman's Auxiliary Secretary is at the close of the year when the annual reports are made.

The information used then is that which is listed on the individual reports for each month. While the important

work of the Woman's Auxiliary is not the completion of the individual report slips, it is an effective tool to help us see what we have done and where we are weak and could improve.

Although we may think it unimportant, or, that one report missing can't make any difference, it does make a difference in the total report. When one complete Auxiliary of District fails to furnish the information needed it brings the total for the entire state down.

If you have any questions as to how to mark the individual report slip, there is an information sheet available at the WNAC Office, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Perhaps as a local Auxiliary secretary, or a district secretary, your main concern is keeping a record of the monthly meetings. In looking at, and listening to, secretary reports through the years I notice quite a difference in the style or type of the reports. Some reports are so vague or incomplete a person who had not attended the meeting would not know what had taken place. Other reports have so many personal comments and flowery descriptions that the real business of the meeting is hidden. Secretary reports should be accurate and complete, without editorializing.

I know that most of our Auxiliary Secretaries and Treasurers are not professional or trained especially for that task, but that should not stop you or make you afraid to accept the office.

Pray for your Auxiliary officers, and yourself, and the Lord will bless the work and the worker in His own special way.

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

BERKELEY

The Berkeley Auxiliary had their monthly meeting September 3, with 27 present.

Our next Study Course program will be in October.

Pray for our Auxiliary as we work for the Lord.

Verna Smith, Cor.

ST. PAUL BECKONS

by Mark Vandivort

The Minneapolis — St. Paul area presents a beckoning challenge to Missouri families. God has called one of our fellow Missourians, Rev. Bob Francis (from St. Louis) and family, to represent Free Will Baptists in a metropolitan area that is almost as large as St. Louis.

A beautiful church and parsonage has been leased by Brother Francis with an option to buy. Pray that these pews will soon be occupied. God has given the Francis' some vital contacts.

As you know, this is our first Free Will Baptist church in Minnesota. Let me share with you a similar story. Recently I visited with the chairman and pastor of a young Evangelical Free Church in Columbia. This church is less than a year old and has about 75 in active attendance. How do they account for their phenomenal growth? When the church was organized, several former Evangelical Free families left various churches in Columbia in response to the church of their heritage. In other words, this church is largely made up of substantial North country families who had moved to Columbia, Missouri. Are there Missouri Free Will Baptist families who could find it in the will of God to move to the Minneapolis — St. Paul area for



the purpose of helping pioneer our new ministry? This is the pattern of church growth in chapters 1-12 of Acts. Brother Francis would be glad to correspond with you concerning job opportunities. His address is 590 Mendota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

While visiting them recently I noted that a little boy was in Sunday School for the first time in his life.

Are there pioneers among us? I believe there are! How exciting and rewarding this would be for — perhaps you?

HELP!

There are many readers in Missouri that would like to see your church in action. Many have heard of your church but have never see it. Why not prepare some photographs (black and white) and send them along with some interesting facts of your church and share it with the many who have never been able to visit you personally. We would like to place it on the front of this publication or in its content pages as the quality of the picture might be.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

September, 1969

Mrs. Phillip Fry — Mtn. Grove	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vincie Long — Hartville	5.00
New Home Church — Hartville	30.00
So. Side FWB Church — St. Louis	54.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs	5.00
FWB Church — Salem	10.00
Walden Robinson — Farmington	15.00
Mo. State Home Mission Board	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Willhite — Bridgeton	5.00
Farmington FWB Church	28.31
First FWB Church — Fredericktown	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Denton — Farmington	10.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB Church — Urbana	28.50
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite — Mtn. Grove	5.00
Mo. State Assoc. of FWB	65.15
First FWB Church — Mtn. Grove	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Barr — Arnold	5.00
Beacon FWB Church — Raytown	3.00
Leadington FWB Church	21.00
FWB Ladies Auxiliary — Fredericktown	10.00
Oly's Helsley — Hartville	16.00
Cedar Ridge FWB Church — Long Line	15.57
Rev. O. T. Allred — Monett	10.00
Columbia FWB Church	6.00
Fellowship FWB Church — Flat River	10.00
Cooperative Plan	182.98
	\$869.51

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION

GIVING

9-5-69 to 10-5-69

Hannon Church	\$ 35.20
Rock Chapel, Cabool	20.00
First Church, Mtn. Grove	14.00
Olivet Church, Marshall	25.00
Coop. Receipts — September	782.83
First Church, Mtn. Grove	14.00
Central Church, Kansas City	20.00
Central Church, Kansas City	14.40
Victory Church, Kansas City	18.18
Victory Church, Kansas City	18.17
Rev. Grover Terry	1.00
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Promotional Secretary's Corner



On Friday, September the 5th, I met with the Union Association at the Union Chapel Church where all of their seventeen churches were represented. I was given opportunity to explain the progress of the work of the National Association and to speak in behalf of Missions, to which some of their churches contribute currently.

On Friday evening, I attended the city-wide revival in Mountain Grove which is sponsored by the combined effort of the Mountain Grove churches, held in the Church of God Tabernacle.

On Saturday, September the 6th, I attended the Liberty Quarterly meeting at the Little Vine Church where a full delegation was represented. The Meeting licensed two new ministers. They provided me the time to explain the new allocations of the Missouri co-operative fund.

On Sunday, September the 7th, I delivered the morning message at the Buffalo church where Rev. Chamberlin is pastor. Pastor Chamberlin baptized a number of new converts that afternoon.

In response to the kind suggestion of the General Board of the State Association, Mrs. Beatty and I took a ten-day vacation and visited our son Gordon and

family in Tampa, Florida where he is enrolled at Southern Florida University in the study of Oceanography. While in Florida I attended the Florida Central Association Yearly Meeting and was a second witness to the Co-operative plan of support with their State Promotional Secretary the Rev. W. A. Hansley.

On Sunday evening, September the 21st, I delivered the message at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tampa, where Rev. Curtis Sheets is pastor. One man was saved at the altar in this service. Pastor Sheets has a soulwinning church there.

Please observe that we received fifty-three contributions through the Co-operative plan this month. We need to average this amount each month to reach our proposed goal this year.

With Christmas only a month away, remember to purchase your gift of a Bible or Christian books from your own State owned book store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

Harry Beatty



SPECIAL PRAYER HAS BEEN ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WHOSE CONDITION AT PRESS TIME WAS DESERVING OF SPECIAL PRAYER.

Rev. Jack McAllister
 (Rev. McAllister formally of Missouri is pastoring in Chanute, Kansas. At press time Bro. McAllister was in the Fort Scott, Kansas Hospital.)

Mrs. Chesley Hill
 (Mrs. Hill is the mother of former Gem Editor, the Rev. Bud Hill of Mtn. Grove. Mrs. Hill at press time was hospitalized in St. Louis.)

September, 1969

Cooperative Receipts:

Belton	\$ 59.45
Pleasant Hill Sunday School	18.00
First FWB West Plains	81.00
Granby	28.63
St. Joseph	18.10
Cedar Ridge	87.06
Victory	131.33
Twin City	32.00
Garfield	36.38
Buffalo Sunday School	25.00
Viburnum	52.21
Farmington	129.59
Hannon	71.40
Mtn. Grove	234.61
Berkley	359.61
Sunnyview	15.36
Pleasant Ridge	11.75
Rock Chapel	24.34
Columbia	50.00
Thayer	65.82
Olivette	96.65
Grace	234.00
Lebanon	220.00
Beacon	160.08
Monette	120.98
Hickory Grove	22.14
Cope	21.76
Merl's Chapel	28.36
New Rock Springs	18.00
Marshfield	6.35
New Home	6.13
Black Oak	30.00
Mine La Motte	18.64
Copper Mines	65.00
Waynesville	63.95
Central Kansas City	150.00
Meramec Heights	95.31
Carterville	18.93
Desoto	50.00
Leadington	210.00
Twin Oak	50.00
Parkview	113.03
Viburnum	40.48
Myrtle	166.77
Union Light	11.50
Willow Springs	54.85
Fellowship	50.00
Grant Avenue	137.44
St. Joseph	17.69
West Plains	57.00
Granby	23.42
Beacon	155.42
Hurryville	303.00
Total Receipts	\$4,348.52

DISBURSED — 100%

47.75% Nat'l Association.	\$2,076.42
1.00% Mo. Superannuation.	43.49
1.50% Mo. CTS & S.S.	65.23
4.00% Gem	173.94
4.00% Mo. Youth Camp.	173.94
7.75% General Fund.	337.01
16.00% Mo. Promotional.	695.76
18.00% Mo. Missions.	782.73
100% Total Disbursed	\$4,348.52