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Personal from the Editor

EACH YEAR since 1940, the Gallup Poll has been sampling the population of the United States to measure church attendance. In their most recent survey they asked how many had attended church the week of the poll. To such, 43 percent questioned replied that they had. The figure was down 2 percent from the previous year, and down 6 percent from 1955, when an all-time high of 49 percent replied that they had attended church.

Perhaps surprisingly, church attendance was highest among college graduates (47 percent) and lowest among grade school graduates (41 percent). Also, church attendance was highest in cities over 50,000 population (44 percent) and slightly lower (42 percent) in smaller cities, towns, and rural areas. It was highest in the East (46 percent) and lowest in the West (32 percent).

One of the more significant questions in the survey had to do with the impact of religion on life today: "At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life, or losing its influence?"

Eleven years ago, 69 out of each 100 people polled thought the influence of religion was increasing. This last year, only 18 out of each 100 were of that opinion.

Eleven years ago, 14 percent of all persons interviewed gave as their opinion that religion was losing ground. In the latest survey, the figure was 67 percent—almost five times a high.

Set over against the view that organized religion is losing influence in modern society is the fact that of those questioned in the most recent survey, 98 percent reported their belief in God and only 2 percent stated that they did not believe in God, thought it was impossible to say whether God exists, or declined to give an answer.

THESE ARE THE FACTS based on a sampling its authors believe to be so selected as to be representative of the entire population.

Cause for concern? Yes.

Cause for alarm? Probably not.

On the face of it, there is an obvious distinction between confidence in organized religion and belief in God. It

may be granted that much of what is professed as belief in the existence of a Supreme Being is empty of real content. The discrepancy between 98 percent who say they believe in God and 43 percent who trouble themselves to go to church at least once a week is too great for any other conclusion.

It is quite impossible for most of us to "get outside our skins" and think ourselves into the place of those who have no connection at all with any branch of the Christian enterprise. If we could we would not find it hard to see what the outsider must think about "churchianity" in America today.

We would remember, for instance, the storm aroused by theologians in church-related seminaries and universities who made the headlines by proclaiming that God is dead.

We would be influenced by the fact that most religious news that make the pages of the secular press is news that comes from seemingly frantic efforts to save the Church, not to evangelize the world. We would still be left wondering if putting two or more half-dead organizations together could possibly make one live one.

But whether the image of the Church at large improves or continues to decline, we must still recognize that multitudes who have little or no concern for "religion" still have a vital hunger for God and desperately need what only the risen Redeemer can bring into their lives.

We should love and be loyal to the church that has brought Christ to us. But we go out to witness and preach, not religion or churchianity, but the living Lord, who alone can make it possible for us to meet the demands of our day.

The influence of religion will wax or wane in society dependent on a score of factors, some of which are completely beyond our control. But the gospel of Christ to which we witness in the Spirit is still the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes.

The future of religion may be discouraging at the moment. The future of redemption is as **BRIGHT AS THE PROMISES OF GOD.**

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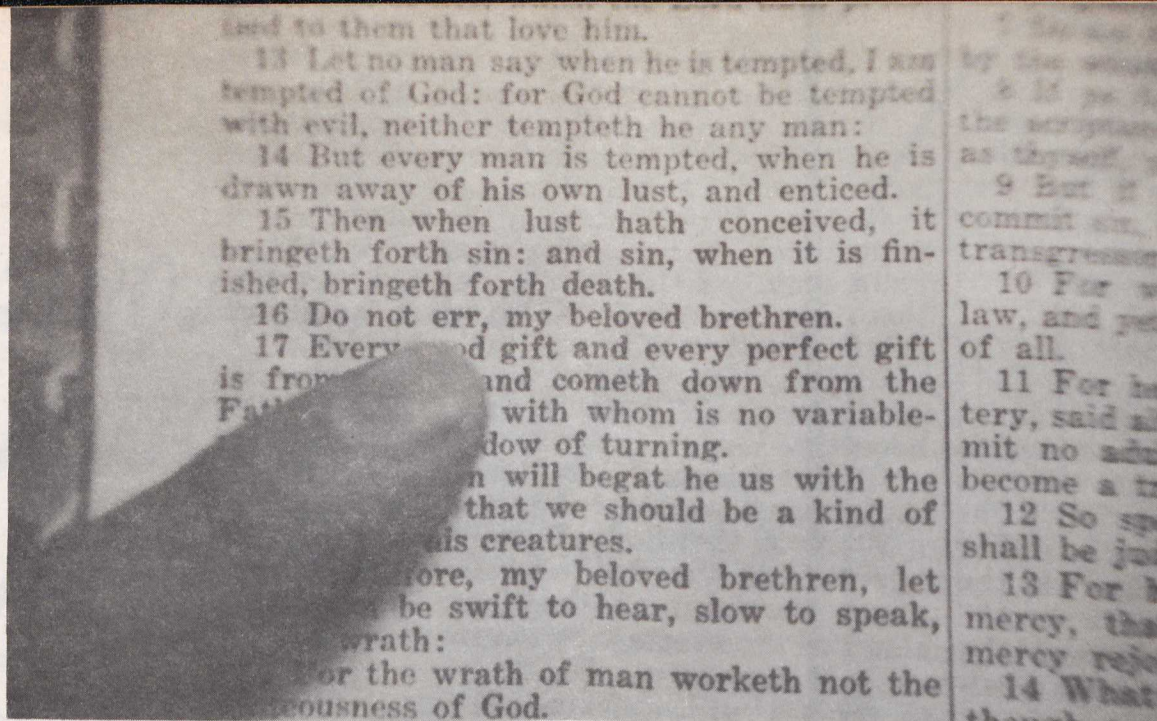
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DO NOT ERR-BRETHREN

By Rev. Earl Ames

SOME SEEM to think they can live just as they please, but James chapter 1 verse 16 warns, "Do not err." In verse 12 of this chapter he says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation" but doesn't finish the thought until he says, "Do not err, my beloved brethren." Notice the prize, "For when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life." The Lord has made some great promises but notice who the promises are to: "which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

WHAT CAUSES US TO ERR? "Temptations"? Yes, but where does it come from? James in verse 13 said, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." God has no part in unrighteousness. Let us put the blame where it belongs. The err of our ways is described in verse 14, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust and enticed." We are enticed by Satan and then our lustful, sinful nature goes to work and we begin to drift away. The payday for our erring ways is recorded in verse 15, "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Paul speaking in I Timothy 6:10

stated, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." Again I ask you, HOW DO WE ERR FROM THE FAITH? When we let the things of this world become greater than our salvation or greater than our service to God. Some folks let a fishing boat and a camper get greater attention on the Lord's Day than being in His house of worship. Some let a television keep them home on Sunday evening and on Prayer Meeting night. Some can't leave their store to worship. Some can't leave the farm or just can't leave the company. Whatever it is in this old world that keeps you from giving your best in the service of God will cause you to err from the faith.

In I Timothy 6:20, 21 Paul continues, "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen." If we listen to everyone's idea of doctrine we will soon get involved in a lot of nonsense. I believe we need to preach the whole

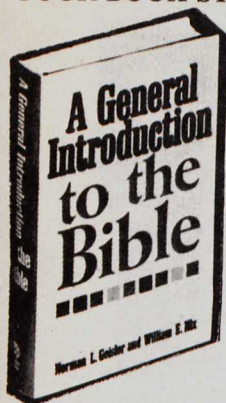
message of God. We need to preach more than just the love of God. We need to preach against sin. It surely won't make you very popular, but it will please God. If we love our church and our people we ought to preach the truth. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

WHAT SHOULD WE DO IF WE ARE GUILTY OF ERRING FROM THE TRUTH? First, the Bible says in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Second, Paul gives us some good advice in I Timothy 6:11, 12 when he says, "But thou man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. Whereunto thou art also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

"DO NOT ERR, MY BELOVED BRETHREN" I say once more! If we lay hold upon the true word of God and keep our faith in Jesus Christ, we shall have the reward of righteousness and a home in Heaven.

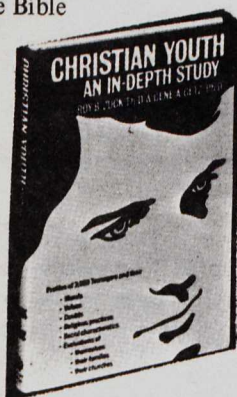
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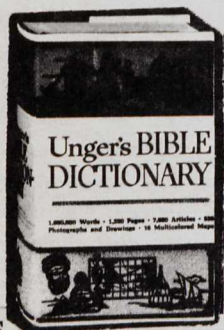
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PSYCHOLOGICAL EVOLUTION IN REVERSE

by Rev. Max Courtney

THE WORST ENEMY of the Bible and Christianity has abounded for one hundred and eleven years. It is a movement with many disciples. It is a movement that has become accepted by people down through the ages; by people of all walks of life. Those who do not accept it factually accept it psychologically.

This movement was first advanced by Darwin in 1859 and revised by many others down through the ages including Einstein and Clark in our century. It is the well known "Theory of Evolution".

Some leading Bible theologians have caught the drift and now we have a revised theory called "Theistic Evolution". These men in an effort to compromise have linked the Theory of Evolution with the Bible and claim that God created life in a simple form and caused it to evolve into the present forms.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Psychological: Something that is imagined or held sometimes without the knowledge of the person involved.

The Theory of Evolution is so popular that children accept it automatically. They often refer to man as the *higher* form of animal life. They automatically refer to the monkey or ape as an ancestor. The Theory of Evolution is so common that people accept it without realizing it. Psychologically speaking our minds have ac-

cepted the theory in varying degrees.

Evolution in Reverse: The theory of Evolution is the theory that man advanced or evolved from the lower forms of life. The theory that all animals (including man) are in some way related.

Evolution in reverse refers to a "De-evolvement" of a species or the process of a species going back to its original state.

Since we are dealing with "Psychological Evolution" (something imagined) the de-evolvement or going back to the original actually takes place only in the mind.

THE THEORY APPLIED

II Timothy 3:1-5 "This know that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Our society has become so hostile that the minds of many people are being affected. Note in verse six, "... captive silly women ..." refers to a condition of the mind trapped by an invisible force. Verse thirteen states, "But evil



men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

Verse seven further summarizes the feeling. "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

War, riots, communist infiltration, air pollution, drugs, alcohol, disease, atomic destruction, population explosion, the draft, Vietnam, Laos, or some other field of battle. People, especially young people, facing these perils have adopted a "Care Free" attitude not caring if they live or die.

Now the minds of these people are warped into believing that they came from the so called "Lower" forms of animal life and many people have lost their desire to go forward or even to live at all. Actually they begin to go backward psychologically.

THE EVIDENCE

Notice verse three, "Without natural affection..." We see the beards, unkept stringy hair, nudity, lewdness, free love, mutual dwellings, unkept dirty clothes, filth, and life without purpose. All these things point to the fact that society is moving backward trying to look like the animal they think or imagine they evolved from.

Notice the idols of the so called "Mod" generation. Even the names of the rock and roll groups speak of evolution in reverse. The Animals, The Monkeys, The Beatles and etc. They rise in popularity because they are symbols of what certain people imagine them-

selves to be.

Notice the actions of these people. Animal-like dances and movements are always associated with their weird sounds. They live, act, eat, and look like the animals their warped minds tell them they have evolved from.

THE ANSWER

"This is the generation gap," you say? Well, since this all started as a movement of Satan as he polluted the minds of these people (verses six through eight) by some strange hypnotic power and since we have determined that this is psychological evolution in reverse, I doubt if there is a generation gap in the first place. Anything moving backward from a given point also leaves a gap.

This gap has been bridged and the answer to the problem is a simple one. Since Satan started the whole thing in the first place by corrupting the minds of the people making them captive to his "Theory of Evolution" there is only one thing that can free the captive, corrupted mind. When Christ comes into the heart and cleanses the soul He sets the mind free and points us to the knowledge of truth. "... And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". John 8:32.

Rev. Courtney is pastor of the Salem Church.



YOUTH CAMP OR BUST

Greetings to Missouri Free Will Baptists from the State Youth Camp Board. We commend the many churches and individuals that have prayed, worked or financially supported this great work for God. Last year there were new records set in attendance and interest was exceptional. For this we praise God, but now "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before..." let's begin now to pray and plan that this year will prove to be far greater than anything in the past.

There have been a number of improvements since last year—a few new cabins have been erected, bathroom facilities have been improved, an addition to the refreshment stand will help to serve everyone faster and more efficiently and we hope to have the Parrott Memorial Building erected which will provide a new first aid station plus two additional class rooms. This is only part of the accomplishments made possible by your faithful praying and giving.

Pastors: Please inform your people that there are some dress regulations that must be observed. No shorts, slacks, or mini skirts. Any apparel worn must not be shorter than four inches above the knee. This includes culottes. Our theme for camp this year is "The Church". Some of the finest men of God to be found any where have been selected to teach and preach during this session. We trust this session will be the means of leading the lost to Christ and giving depth to everyone's experience as well as a time of fun and fellowship.

We encourage the Free Will Baptist people who live in driving distance of the youth camp to come and share the evening services from night to night.

State Youth Camp Board

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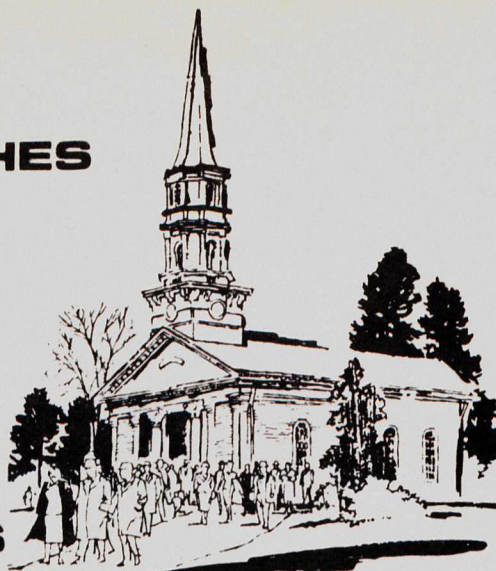
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CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS



BRIDGETON FAMILY AID WORK IN PUERTO RICO

The Bill DePriest family, recently transferred from Bridgeton to Puerto Rico, are busy sharing in the work with the Fred McCoys of our Home Mission Board. According to the Trinity Church Newsletter the DePriests report, "that the mission work under the direction of Rev. McCoy is progressing well. The services are now being conducted in Spanish and people are being won to the Lord."

held a pot-luck supper in the dining hall, March 31. More than 75 attended the fellowship supper.

HICKORY GROVE

Rev. Bob Dickey, pastor, writes, "We have seen an increase in our attendance and also in the spiritual part of the church."

VICTORY SEES REVIVAL

The Victory Church of North Kansas City just finished a revival with the Rev. James McAllister where 30 decisions for Christ were made. Pastor Lawrence Thompson also reports, "Dr. Billy Melvin, the Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals and formerly the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, spoke in the April 5th morning worship service." Dr. and Mrs. Melvin were in the Kansas City area for the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

DE SOTO CONTINUES TO INCREASE

The De Soto Church just closed a successful month according to Pastor Charles Miller who reports a record monthly average of 104 in Sunday school. The average for morning worship was 113. The old Sunday record was also replaced with the new record of 115. "We have also received and baptized several bringing our total church membership to 75. Approximately ten are waiting baptism at this time," he writes. The Sunday school enrollment for this young church is 99.

The church has plans to continue their building in the near future.

HAPPY HILL CHURCH JOINS CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

The Happy Hill Church, near Lebanon, has joined along with 106 other churches in Missouri by subscribing to the GEM with 5 or more of their membership for the reduced price.

MT. GROVE C.T.S. SPONSORS DINNER

The Church Training Service department of the First Church, Mt. Grove

The church is pastored by the Rev. Joe Fulkerson and reported an average of 61 in Sunday school for the month of March. Welcome to our plan.

OAK HILL CHURCH ADVANCES

The Oak Hill Church, near Fredericktown, received two new members into their fellowship during March and has seen a steady increase at all services according to reporter Madeline McFarland.

The church built new classrooms last year on to their church and is in the process of repaying their indebtedness which was aided recently by a \$200.00 gift to the building fund by a sale by the ladies of the church.

Mrs. McFarland also stated the church has read 3,615 chapters from the scripture during the past quarter and had an average attendance of 41.

JOPLIN REVIVAL

The First Church of Joplin had one conversion and three who united with the church in their revival with the Rev. Clarence Burton of Berkeley. The church is enjoying many new families taking part in their church.

FARMINGTON REVIVAL

The First Church of Farmington had 41 decisions for Christ with Evangelist James McAllister the latter part of March in their revival according to Brother McAllister's father of Monett.

HAWAII CHURCH TO BEGIN SCHOOL

Because of the compromising of morals, etc. in the Hawaii school system the Rev. Luther Sanders reports the church will begin their own school starting with the 7th grade in the Fall of 1970 or no later than 1971.

The church has 166 enrolled in Sunday school and averaged 146 during

the months of January and February.

Brother Sanders pastored the Monett Church before entering the Home Mission work in Hawaii.

REV. CARL EDEN RESIGNS OSKALOOSA CHURCH

The Rev. Carl Eden has resigned the Oskaloosa Church in the Central Western Association.

STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES OF C.T.S. BOARD AT LEBANON

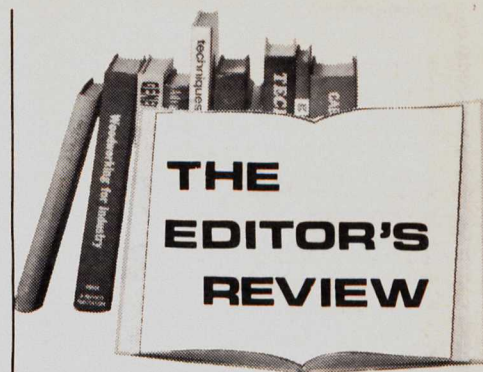
The State Competitive Activities of the C.T.S. Board will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church, May 23.

Entry blanks and fees should be sent to the Rev. Dale Underwood, 716 Sandy Lane, O'Fallon, Mo. 63366 by May 16. Entry fees are as follows: Sword Drill—\$2.00 per contestant, Declamation—\$2.00 per contestant, Tic-Tac-Toe—\$10.00 per team, and Bible Bowl—\$10.00 per team.

Rev. Underwood states, "There have been a few changes in our eliminations for this year. 1. There will be no limit on the number of contestants a church can enter in any event, as long as the entry fee is paid for each one. 2. Medals will be given to the first, second and third place winners. 3. The Sunday School—C.T.S. Board will give each first place winner or each member of a first place team \$50.00 toward his or her expenses in attending the National Competitive Activities in California. 4. Rules for dress and conduct will be the same as those used on the National Level. 5. Any individual or team not present when scheduled for competition will be disqualified."

Schedule of Activities:

- 9:00—9:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 Opening Instructions
- 9:45 Sword Drill
- 10:10 Tic-Tac-Toe and Bible Bowl
- 11:30 Adventurer and Herald Declarations
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Tic-Tac-Toe and Bible Bowl
- 3:00 Crusader Declarations
- 3:30 Awarding Medals



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One of the finest books on sermons to be published in quite some time is by our own Jack Paramore. His latest book, (EVANGELISTIC PREACHING, 200, pages, Harvest Press, \$3.95), is twelve chapters of Brother Paramore's best. Every minister, GEM reader, should absorb every word of this outstanding book. (Rev. Jack Paramore, 3611 Central Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37205).

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Louis Caldwell did it again! No book in recent times was in more constant demand that AFTER THE TASSEL IS MOVED. It is obvious that ANOTHER TASSEL IS MOVED, (Louis O. Caldwell, 96 pages, Baker, \$2.95), will be in equal demand. Designed for the college graduate, it is and will continue to be, one of the finest guideline books for the graduate entering into the world he has only read about. Every college graduate should have it even if you have another gift in mind.

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TRINITY CHURCH STORY IN CONTACT

The Trinity Church of Bridgeton was featured in the national publication *CONTACT* showing a condense history of the church. This church has been greatly blessed of the Lord. The church held their Dedication service for their new building March 15 with Dr. Robert Picirilli, Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and Registrar of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, as speaker.

The Rev. R.B. Spurgeon is pastor of this church.

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Overland	205
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Fredericktown	153
Farmington	147
West Plains	136
Victory, Kansas City	129
First, Lebanon	116
De Soto	105
Willow Springs	102
Koshkonong	97
Parkview, Desloge	92
Joplin	86
O'Fallon	61
Happy Hill, Lebanon	61
Salem	52
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Twin City, Festus	32

May I urge every Sunday school secretary to report your averages the beginning of each month for the previous month. I invite you to share in this column each month that others may share in your growth.

GRACE CHURCH HAS SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

The Grace Church of Arnold has just completed a six weeks Sunday School Enlargement Campaign where they recorded a total of 831 contacts for Christ. Their theme for the period was "The World and Arnold for Christ."

The departments selected a missionary from both the Home and Foreign Missions departments as their working partner with whom they corresponded during this period. Each Sunday the classes collected an offering for the missionary of their class which totaled \$200.00 at the end of the campaign which was sent to the accounts of the missionaries.

The campaign was concluded with a week of revival with Evangelist James McAllister. Brother Hubert G. Long, the General Sunday School Superintendent, reports many saved and rededications made.

The final Sunday of their campaign was climaxed by an all day service which also set new department attendance records and a new Sunday school record of 331. The Beginner Department showed the greatest average increase during the campaign and Miss Anita Britton as the outstanding campaigner.

The Rev. Glenn Rehkop is pastor of this outstanding church.



Dept.—Girls, Teachers: Evelyn Rehkop and June Whitever

Dept. Supt. is Freda Britton.



Miss Anita Britton,
Outstanding
campaigner.

OVERLAND HAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

The Overland Church concluded a record breaking Sunday school contest in their junior and primary departments. They used as their theme, "On the Hunt" and carried out an indian dress theme, according to the Rev. Harry Asher, pastor of the church.

The junior department's new record was 46 and the primary department also set a new record of 38.

The church is launching into a extended bus ministry with two busses presently averaging 40 pupils. The Sunday school superintendent and staff are dedicated to seeing the Sunday school reach 300 by the end of the year, which at present has an average of 200 in Sunday school.

The church has experienced some unusual services recently according to the letter of Brother Asher who writes, "At the Easter Sunrise service a young lady of our church was saved. She started to our Sunday school by riding one of the busses. That same morning a teen-age girl was saved in her Sunday school class. Two weeks ago a man and his wife and daughter walked down one of the aisles to the altar and all three were saved. A few minutes later down another aisle came a man and his wife and they received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour also."



One of the junior departments

TWIN OAKS

The Twin Oaks Church, near Fredericktown, reports a fine revival with the Rev. Charles Miller, pastor of the De Soto Church, as the evangelist. Mrs. Myrtle Miller, the reporter, states the church was lifted spiritually. The Rev. Earl Ames is pastor of the church.

FORMER MISSOURIANS HONORED BY CHURCH

The Trinity Temple Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma and friends sponsored a Bible land pilgrimage for their pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Bingham, March 12-21.

MARSHALL BUYS PARSONAGE

The Olivet Church of Marshall has purchased a parsonage for the pastor and family. This church has experienced growth beyond expectation through the leadership of Pastor Cliff Bowman. Pastor Bowman reports 101 in Sunday school and 161 in that morning worship service the last Sunday in March. Brother Bowman's wife, Francis, underwent a cornea transplant recently but "is home now and everything seems to be as well as expected", he writes.

REV. MACK OWENS HOME MISSIONARY RESIGNS

The Rev. Mack Owens family have resigned as missionary workers to Nova Scotia, Canada, effective June 30, 1970. They will be moving to Newbury, Vermont to pastor the First Free Will Baptist Church. The resignation was due to health conditions within the family. Brother Owens writes, "It is with grateful hearts and our sincere thanks for your support over the years and that which has been accomplished has been because of your consistent concern and support."

WAYNESVILLE REVIVAL HAS 31 DECISIONS

The Waynesville Church reports 31 decisions in their recent revival with Evangelist James McAllister of Marshall. Pastor Vergel Maness states the church made 575 contacts with a total attendance of 610 during the week of meeting.

The church has just finished construction of a new building and remodeling of their present building.

A LOOK AT OUR CHURCHES (Cover Story)

LYNN STREET FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, LEBANON

On September 14, 1945, a revival was started in the American Legion Hall in Lebanon with the Rev. Willard C. Day of the Home Mission Board as the evangelist and Rev. Leo Curtis, Rev. William Reeves, and Rev. O.T. Allred sharing in the preaching.

There was a good response to the revival and on September 23, 1954 the Lynn Street Church was organized.

Other ministers that helped organize the church were, Rev. W.F. Millard, Rev. Albert Long, Rev. Ezra Vestal, Rev. Fred Wynn, Rev. Henry Long and Rev. Leonard Corneilson.

The church purchased a garage from the Rev. Gussie Carlson in November (1954) and remodeled it into an auditorium.

The present pastor is the Rev. Bill Eden who has ministered the church for nearly four years. The church has added classrooms, rest rooms, kitchen cabinets, a refrigerator and stove since Rev. Eden assumed the Lynn Street pastorate.

The church is free of debt and will dedicate the new addition this year.

Former pastors include the Rev. Leo Curtis, Rev. Laverne Jones, Rev. Glynn Jones, Rev. Cliff Bowman, Rev. Ronald Clifford, Sister Vinita Broyles and Rev. Dale Broyles.

The church today average 50-60 each Sunday.

THE BILL VAN WINKLES APPOINTED AS HOME MISSIONARIES

The Reverend and Mrs. Bill Van Winkle, natives to St. Louis and the Southside Church, have been appointed to the State Home Missionary ministry in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The Tennessee State Home Mission Board will work with the National Home Mission Board in promoting and planning this new work.

Missourians interested in sharing toward their support may send it to National Home Missions for the Van Winkle account.

Teen Camp Session

JUNE 14-19

CAMP DIRECTOR: Rev. Eddie Altis

EVANGELIST: Rev. James McAllister

GENERAL CABIN SPONSORS: Rev. Harley Brown
Mrs. Jo Pingleton

FIRST AID: Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Burton

PIANIST: Miss Rhonda Asher

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Rev. Dale Skiles

SWIMMING POOL: Rev. Grover Pingleton

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS: Rev. Dale Underwood

PRAYER HAVEN: Rev. O.T. Allred

REFRESHMENT STAND: Rev. Glen Murray

CAMP THEME: "THE CHURCH"

CLASS AND TEACHERS:

IT'S INSTITUTION - Rev. Wayne Wagoner

IT'S INTRODUCTION - Rev. Earl Langley

IT'S INDUCTION - Rev. Alton Loveless

IT'S INSTRUCTION - Rev. Dale Jones

MISSIONS - Rev. Dr. Laverne Miley

Pre-Teen Camp Session

JUNE 21-26

CAMP DIRECTOR: Rev. Lawrence Thompson

EVANGELIST: Rev. Andy Lay

GENERAL CABIN SPONSORS: Rev. Bob Dickey
Mrs. Racheal Murray

FIRST AID: Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Burton

PIANIST: Miss Rhonda Asher

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Rev. Roger Harwell

SWIMMING POOL: Rev. Grover Pingleton

CAMP BIBLE SCHOOL: Mrs. Joe Pingleton

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS: Unconfirmed

PRAYER HAVEN: Rev. and Mrs. Finis Johnson

REFRESHMENT STAND: Rev. Glen Murray

CAMP THEME: "THE CHURCH"

IT'S INSTITUTION - Unconfirmed

IT'S INTRODUCTION - Rev. Harry Asher

IT'S INDUCTION - Rev. Billy Walker

IT'S INSTRUCTION - Rev. Vernon Maggert

MISSIONS - Unconfirmed

John Doe
RFB-1
Anytown, Mo.



LETTERS to the Editor

"Just a word to say I enjoy receiving the GEM. Of all the state papers I receive, I believe the GEM is the best."

Rev. Bobby Ferguson, Editor
TEXAS CHALLENGE
Houston, Texas

"While in Conference on January 24, 1970, the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting voted to send you this letter of appreciation, commending you for the fine job you are doing as the Editor of our State Magazine.

We are aware that this requires hours of labor, and a lot of God-given ability. We feel you are doing a splendid job of combining the two."

Mariam Willhite, Clerk
Bridgeton

"I appreciate the good job you are doing with the GEM and I am sure the State does too."

Rev. Dale Underwood,
O'Fallon

"I was impressed by our Brother Len Gardner's message in the January GEM. He sure spoke out against sin. If we love our people we ought to preach the truth."

Rev. Earl Ames,
Fredericktown

"I would like a correction on the Sunnyview Church news which was printed in the March edition of the GEM. The reading is not correct. This is how it should have read. 'We had a Sunday School average of 40 for February and had 6 unite with the church. We have purchased a new piano and we request the prayers of all the Christian people. Please correct this.'"

Mrs. Effie Ruble
Lebanon

"It has been a long time since I have read the GEM, so I am enclosing my check for a year's subscription. May God richly bless you in your pastoral ministry and your editorial work."

W. Stanley Mooneyham, President
World Vision International
Monrovia, California

"We enjoy the GEM and the pictures of the churches on the front cover"

Leanna Borders
Harmony Church
Seymour

Woman's World



Woman's Auxiliary Editor
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meeting with seven present. We agreed to send material, hose, etc. to the Childrens Home for our April project, and to give an offering to Bill and Glenda Fulcher when they visit our church. We are few in number but we feel God's spirit in our meetings.

EAST INDEPENDENCE

The East Independence Auxiliary met on March 9, with four members present. A motion was made that we have a one night study course on the Manual. We've given \$5.00 to our State Mission Board and we are checking on light fixtures for our church. We are a small auxiliary, but through prayer, know the Lord will bless us as we work for our Lord and His missionary program.

GRANT AVENUE

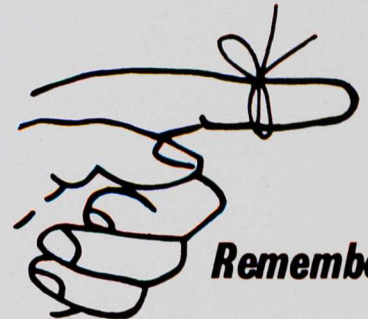
Plans are being finalized for a study course on the Manual at the Grant Ave. Auxiliary on May 19. Mrs. Eunice Edwards was selected as the instructor.

Mrs. Bea Felts, Study Course Chair.

MT. GROVE

The Woman's Auxiliary of Mountain Grove observed their annual Easter Breakfast, Friday, March 27, at 6:00 a.m. in the dining hall of the church. The sun rose as 60 people sat down to bacon and eggs, or sausage and eggs, hot biscuits, jelly and butter, coffee or hot chocolate, juice. Elizabeth Gibson gave the opening prayer. Louise Walker was general Chairman with Bonnie Maxwell in charge of the program. Ann Altis was in charge of the decorations.

Jewell Spurgeon, Cor. Sec.



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT,
NIANGUA CAMP GROUNDS,
AUGUST 3, 4

SOUTH SIDE

At our March meeting the vital topic "Women in Evangelism" was discussed quite thoroughly. First of all, we had a round table discussion on the general outlook of all the opportunities of evangelism that we, as Christian women, have today. Afterwards, an outline on personal soul-winning was given. With only a red candle burning and our city map in view, the program was closed with the words of the hymn, "Must I Go and Empty-Handed?" My heart was stirred and I'm sure others were too. It seemed so appropriate that this program was given less than a week before our spring revival. In a sense, I attribute some of the success of this meeting to this very fine program. Pray for our Auxiliary that we'll be found "Faithful Unto Every Good Work."

Sue Winchester, Program Chairman

THAYER

Since reporting to you last, our Auxiliary has been very busy, and we have completed several projects. In November, we had a very interesting Pre-Week of Prayer program. Our offering for National Home Missions was \$47.50. Our Pre-Christmas offering for State Home Missions was \$25.30. We had as our special project in December a love gift of \$35.58 which was sent to the Cousineau's in the Ivory Coast. We are thankful for these offerings and for the women who gave. May we never be content with what we are doing but always strive to do more for the cause of Christ that many may be saved.

Mrs. Barbara Cox, Corr. Sec.

PARKVIEW

The Parkview Auxiliary is on the move. For our February project we sent hose and socks to the childrens home in Tennessee. We also visited a nursing home and took cookies and valentines to each of them. We give \$10.00 each month for the support of the Ken Eagleton family.

Pearl Sirclum, reporter

MYRTLE

The Myrtle Auxiliary met March 10th for our regular meeting. Since our last writing, we have been sending each child a birthday card at the Childrens Home in Tennessee. We also sent them a box of yardage material to work with. Our pre-Christmas offering was \$30.00. We have been sending \$7.50 quarterly to the St. Joseph project. We voted to send \$15.00 quarterly to the Mexico Student Aid, and also to send \$25.00 to our Youth Camp.

Mamie Crase, Cor. Sec.

BERKELEY

The Berkeley Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on March 4. A letter was read from the Miley's telling some of the happenings there. We voted to have a Mother-Daughter Banquet. Our program was a panel discussion. Pray for us.

Verna Smith, Cor. Sec.

TWIN CITY

The Auxilaury met for their March

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PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Harry Beatty



SUNDAY AFTERNOON, March 8th, I attended the Gray Summits Church organizational meeting directed by the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting Executive Board; Rev. James Barker, Albert Tucker, and Deacon James Parker. Pastor Cletus Nichols of Cuba Free Will Baptist Church delivered the organizational sermon. They organized with six adult charter members. The charter membership was left open by decision of the church. The church elected Rev. John Schebaum as pastor. I remained for the evening service and preached the gospel message. Please remember this church in prayer. If you know prospects for them in this area, send their names in care of the church located on Highway number 100, Gray Summits, Missouri.

In response to an invitation from Pastor Billy Walker, and our Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, in Flat River, I delivered the sermon for their annual homecoming service, Sunday morning March 15th. The attendance was excellent, the Spirit of the service was high, and the noon meal served in the basement of the church was delicious. The special quartet singing in the afternoon presented by the Morlan Family and Messenger Quartets from the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, near Purdy, Missouri was deeply appreciated.

Sunday evening, March 15th concluded the ten service revival in St. Louis South Side Free Will Baptist Church with evangelist Dean Moore, of

Richmond, California delivering the gospel message each service. Some were saved at the altar, others rededicated their lives to the Lord, and the entire church was edified in the Lord. Pastor Wayne Wagoner was happy and well pleased with results of the revival.

Friday evening, March 27th, I was privileged to preach the opening sermon for the Niangua Quarterly Meeting assembled with New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. Each of their churches was represented with delegates. Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative program too.

The Harmony Quarterly Meeting assembled with the Lone Star Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday March 28th. Each of their churches was represented. They licensed Wesley Snyder for one year into the ministry. They also had two sermons during this session and closed with communion and washing of the saint's feet service. They gave sufficient time for our Missouri Co-operative program too.

Forty-five churches contributed to the Co-operative program this month. Some churches contributed twice within the month. Total amount received \$4,692.75. Thus we are on budget schedule at the eight months point.

Bibles and books are available at your own Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100, Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

MARCH

1970

Cooperative Receipts:

Salem	\$ 20.00
Garfield	20.00
St. Joseph	19.72
Berkeley	310.15
Viburnum	99.41
Grace	226.86
Pleasant Ridge	9.05
Farmington	172.16
Belton	75.00
Jackson	6.48
Merl's Chapel	17.31
Central, Kansas City	120.00
Granby	10.67
Cedar Ridge	58.60
Olivett	110.00
Desoto	65.90
Rock Chapel	47.25
Mt. Grove, First	189.63
Warrensburg FWB	30.42
Marshfield	8.18
Fourth	164.44
Thayer	45.13
Meremac Heights	147.00
Hannon	49.00
Verdella	42.35
Hickory Grove	19.26
Royal FWB	29.62
Victory	166.15
Cope	10.42
New Rock Springs	30.00
Copper Mines	50.00
Monett	102.04
Jones Chapel	20.00
Carterville	26.95
Twin Oak	75.00
Union Light	14.75
Fellowship	50.00
Parkview	115.87
Garfield	27.22
St. Joseph, First	29.93
Union FWB	60.00
Grant Avenue	282.38
First FWB, West Plains	93.00
Cedar Ridge	89.35
South Side, St. Louis	231.00
Fredericktown	396.95
Cope	22.71
Beacon	198.54
Mine La Motte	18.12
Granby	16.81
Viburnum	75.31
Berkeley	376.65

Total received\$4,692.75

Disbursed:

1.00% Missouri Superannuation ..	46.92
1.50% Mo. C.T.S. & S.S.	70.40
4.00% Gem	187.70
4.00% Mo. Youth Camp	187.70
7.75% General fund	363.69
16.00% Mo. Prom. Dept.	750.84
18.00% Mo. Missions	844.70
47.75% F.W.B. Nat'l Assn.	2,240.80
100% Total	\$4,692.75