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Personal from the Editor



The race to the moon is taking on some unusual significances here of late, especially with the flight of Apollo 13. It was a flight that in meaning seemed to be leaving God out of the picture and calls my attention to Isaiah 14:13, "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north."

Satan in his rebellion sought to ascend above the stars of God. Today men are attempting to do the same thing. There is much speculation about man's ability to reach the stars but even at the present space speed, which is phenomenal, it would require 170,000 years to reach even the nearest star!

For a moment look with me at the Bible Significance of the Number 13. What is the significance of the aborted flight of Apollo 13 and the narrow escape of the occupants with their lives? Some have said that the Number 13 is unlucky and that it is a mistake to send out a spaceship with that number. First, let us dismiss this fancy, and the superstitions that go with it. Nevertheless, numbers in the Bible do have a definite significance. For example, one is the number of God. Four is the world's number. Five speaks of redemption. Six is the number of man. Seven is the number of perfection. Twelve relates to government, but thirteen is the number of rebellion. The first mention of thirteen in the Bible was in relation to the rebellion of the kings of Sodom against Chedorlaomer: "Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled" (Gen. 14:4). There were thirteen original apostles caused by the rebellion of one, Judas.

But let us look at the reason for further space flights after man first walked on the moon. The chief purpose of further flights seems to be to prove the so-called evolutionary theories concerning the origin of the solar system. Evolutionists eagerly anticipated that the astronauts might find some kind of life on the moon, and for this reason the latter were quarantined on each return from a visit to the moon's surface lest they contaminate the earth with some alien form of moon life!

I mentioned earlier that the number six, is the

number of man, and space flights have been strongly marked with this number. Observe some rerun the next time the news carries such a story or watch the next time and look for the number 6 or 6 coupled, etc.

But in the case of Apollo 13—the number of rebellion—God has graciously spared these men of Apollo 13, no doubt because many godly people prayed. It is also odd that 13 features of 13 were involved in the Flight of Apollo 13. Feature 1: Apollo 13, or Odyssey was the thirteenth flight of the Apollo series. Feature 2: The Apollo 13 flight occurred in the 13th year of space flight which began October 4, 1957 when Soviet Russia put up Sputnik. Feature 3: Apollo 13 flight occurred in the 39th month (13 x 3) of Apollo program following the tragic death of Grissom, Chaffee, and White in the fiery inferno of Apollo 1 on January 27, 1967. Feature 4: Just before Apollo 13's flight was scheduled, it was discovered that Mattingly, one of the crew had been exposed to German measles, and was ruled out of the flight. He is known as T. K. Mattingly II or T. Ken Mattingly. Spelled either way has 13 letters. Feature 5: The lift-off of the flight was from complex 39-A (13 x 3) at Cape Kennedy. (Newsweek, April 13, 1970). Feature 6: Apollo 13 left the launch pad at 13:13 Houston time from which point (NASA) the flight was directed. Feature 7: At exactly 156 minutes later (13 x 12), 15:49 Houston time, Apollo 13 went into moon orbit. (Newsweek, April 20, 1970). Feature 8: The flight plan called for Lovell to set foot on the moon Thursday (April 16) at 2:13 A.M. Cape Kennedy time. (Newsweek, April 20, 1970). Feature 9: The explosion that cancelled the flight came of April 13. Feature 10: The explosion took place at 22:07 Monday, the 13th or 55 hours and 54 minutes after blast-off. This is a total of 3354 minutes or 13 x 258. The disaster was caused by the rupture of two 26 inch diameter (13 x 2) oxygen-storage tanks that blew off a large panel of the lunar-model and ruptured the electric cells. (Newsweek, April 27, 1970). Feature 11: The crippled Apollo 13 limped back to earth, passed through the atmosphere at 12:57 and its parachutes bloomed out at 13:00 Cape Kennedy time. Feature 12: The total time of the Apollo 13 flight was 143 hours (13 x 11). Feature 13: Thirteen nations sent offers to help in the rescue. (Time Magazine, April 27, 1970).

I know some of you will read this with much skepticism but I have a deep feeling about matters such as this and especially when it is evident that man is trying to attain credit to himself. Such a pride was spoken of in the Scripture as the men of Babel tried to reach heaven by their own efforts. And there is but one way—God's way. As we set out minds on "things above"; be sure it is on Christ.

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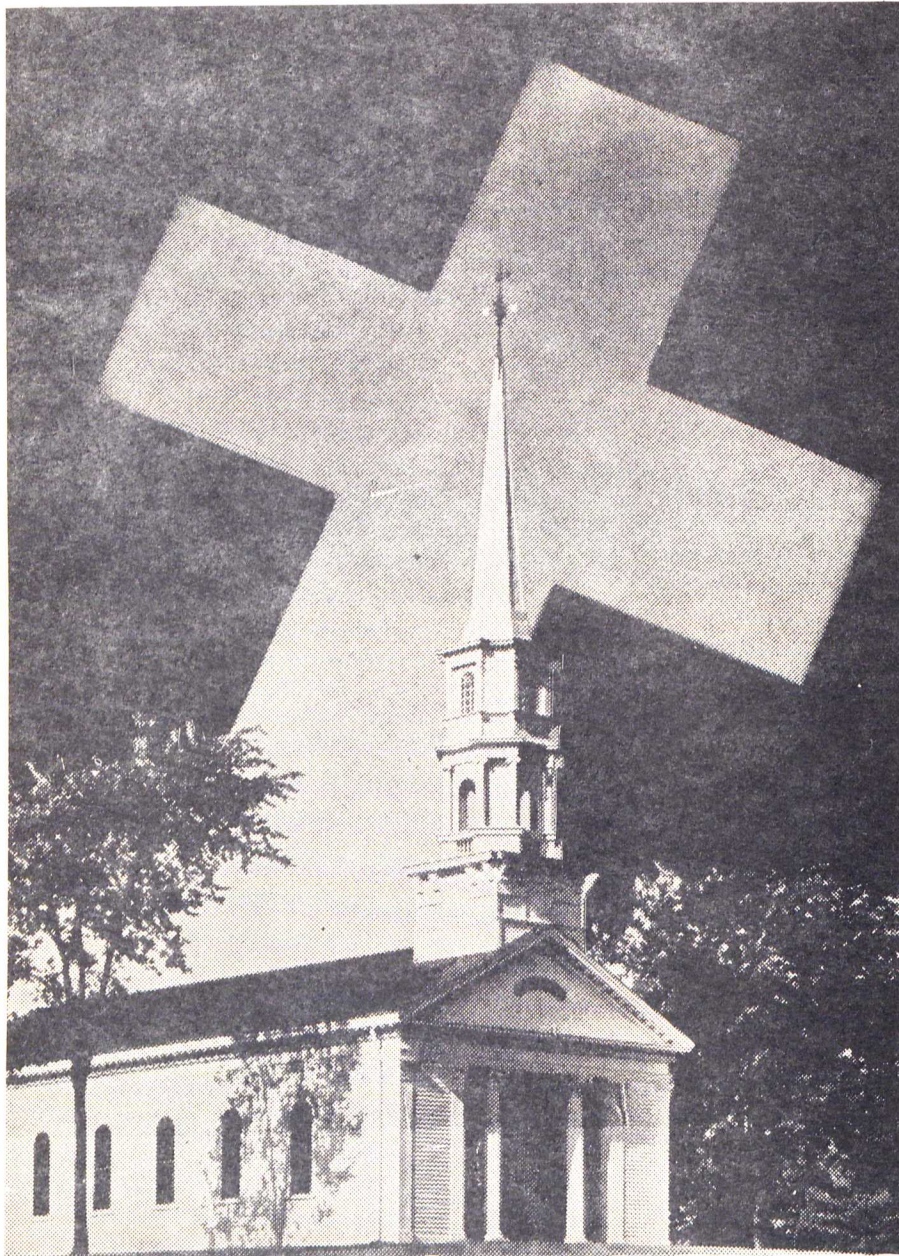
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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

by Earl Langley

WHEN SOME PEOPLE are converted, they express it by saying that they have *joined the Church*. Others say that they have been *baptized*. Still others refer to this experience of conversion by saying they *got saved* or *converted*. Whichever of these terms is more proper for a Christian to say, the fact is that those who have never been a Christian and become a member of a Church are left wondering exactly what we are talking about.

Among Free Will Baptists, the conversion experience and joining the

Church denote two separate acts. It is true that when one is converted (Justified, Regenerated, Adopted, and Sanctified, for this is the meaning of conversion) he automatically becomes a member of the invisible Body of Christ which is a living entity. But within this greater entity, there exists a breakdown by organizations into denomination and Church. Each of these organizations is designed, theoretically, to make it possible for people of like faith to better have *fellowship* and to more effectively and efficiently *spread the Gospel* which

of course is the primary task of the local organization.

About the subject of fellowship the Bible says, "Can two walk together except they be agreed". One would not wish to be constantly in the fellowship of an individual or group with whom he did not agree. This would only lead to antagonism and frustration. Thus, before one decides to become a regular member of a local congregation, he needs to investigate the doctrines and practices of the members of that Church. Then upon asking to become a member, he may expect to be asked his position on certain doctrines and practices by the leadership of the Church whose responsibility it is, as in any other organization, whether religious or otherwise, to do the necessary things to see that proper fellowship is enjoyed by all.

The majority of people agree that good organization makes for good administration. If one agrees with this, he should seek to be better informed about what the membership requirements of the local Church are. This is true even of one who has been a member of a Church for many years. Some time we tend to forget. Each one who binds himself to a Church for fellowship and service should understand why his Church exists, what part he, himself, is to play, and what personal requirements are made of him in relation to holy living.

This may be achieved by asking either the Pastor or some other officer of the Church for a copy of the Church constitution and perhaps a copy of the Free Will Baptist Treatise. Everyone who is saved by the grace of God should seek to be united with the Church of his choice, both in principle and in practice, so that the individual, the local Church, the denomination, and associations of denominations can do a better more efficient job for God. If you are confused about Church Membership, do not let it be of your own choosing.



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is pastor of the
East Independance Church,
Independance.

NEWSLINES

FROM OUR CHURCHES

YOUTH CAMP HAS NEEDS OF THESE ITEMS

The kitchen of our youth encampment needs the following items: 18 toaster covers, large serving spoons, large serving trays or cookie sheets, 4 large plastic garbage cans, old pressure cooker pans (bottom), Black boards, commercial baking pans, slaw graters or cutters, large plastic foot tubs, wash and dish cloths, drying towels, small cleaning brushes, tea spoons, 18 napkin holders, aprons, potholders, 2 gallons of gray paint. For more information write, Dorothy Helms, Rt. 1, Box 22, High Ridge, Mo. 63049. All items should be brought or mailed to Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri 65713

MISSOURIAN WINS FWBBC SERMON CONTEST

Terry Forrest of Alton has won the annual sermon contest at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. Forrest is a senior student at the college and is the pastor of the Bethel Free Will Baptist church in Ashland City, Tennessee.

OLD BETHEL HAS SPIRIT-FILLED REVIVAL

The Old Bethel Church of Patton recently had a total of eight conversions and rededications in a spirit-filled revival. The reporter doesn't name the speaker but the report of souls being won is the important item.

The church also announced the ordination of their pastor, the Rev. Don Umfleet.



WAYNESVILLE VBS SUCCESSFUL

The Wayneville church concluded a Vacation Bible School the week of June 5th which saw a high attendance of 52 and a low of 39 but one which created much enthusiasm on commencement night. Pictured above are the students at one of the days during the school. The Wayneville church has had 35 decisions; 30 uniting with the church; and 13 baptized since April.

VERDELLA CHURCH TO HAVE BUSY SUMMER

The Verdella church will host the Central Western Association beginning the evening of July 28th. Special guests will be the National Executive-Secretary, Rev. Rufus Coffey, and the Rev. Billy Joe Gentry as the youth evangelist on July 30th, and who will be the Youth revival evangelist at the church through August 1.

The church recently installed central heating and air-conditioning in their building.

They also were recently the host to the Central Western Youth meeting composed of youth from Hannon, Oskaloosa and Verdella. The group heard Jack Winningham of Lamar give his testimony in songs he has written.

This fine church is pastored by Rev. Finis Johnson.

LIBERTY CHURCH HAS REAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Fifteen were saved in the Vacation Bible School held at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church near Lebanon June 1-5. Theme for the school was, "God Cares Today;" under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Doing and Pastor Dale Broyles.

Forty-six children had a perfect attendance record and received a special seal on their Achievement Certificate and the new converts received a special praying hands seal to show they are now a part of the praying Christian team.

Family Night was held on Friday night with a weiner and marshmallow roast enjoyed by a record attendance.

TWO MISSOURIANS ADDRESS BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATES

Dr. LaVerne Miley, formerly of Kirksville and a Free Will Baptist medical missionary recently returned from the Ivory Coast, brought the commencement address and the Rev. Luther Gibson, pastor of the First Church of Mountain Grove, and Bible College trustee, brought the Baccalaureate message for the 1970 graduating class at the Nashville college.

The college graduated the largest number of Seniors in the school's 28 year history. Forty-one received the Bachelor of Arts degree, seven received the 3-year Bible Diploma and three were awarded Business Certificates. Also, Twenty-five of the seniors received diplomas from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association.

Five Missouri students were among the graduating class. Robert Hessel-meyer, St. Charles; Dan Martin, St. Louis; Neva Thomas, Kirksville; and Ernest Thompson, Kirksville, received Bachelor of Arts degrees and Lila Thompson of Kirksville received the Bible Diploma.



STATE C.T.S. CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Pictured above are the winners and coach of the Missouri State Bible Tie Tac Toe competition held May 23 at the First Church in Lebanon. Pictured from left to right are, Ronnie Hovis, Marylyn Combs, Kent Hubbard, Vickie Usery and GiGi Barks, coach. Included in the picture is Rev. Clarence Burton, pastor of the Berkeley church where the winning team is from.

Other winners in the State competition were: Sword Drill, Sheri Sheperd of Rock Chapel; Adventure Declamation, Dorothy Rich of Pleasant Home; Crusader Declamation, Nora Ragsdale of the New Rock Springs

church; Bible Bowl, Rich Wood, Glinda Moore, Shirley Tetrick and Darlene Coffman of the Rock Chapel church.

These individuals and teams will be competing with other states at the National Youth Convention, July 13-16, in Fresno, California.

HICKORY GROVE HOST ASSOCIATION

The Hickory Grove Church of Archie on May 31 hosted the 5th Sunday meeting of the Central Western Association. Representatives from Verdella Hannon, El Dorado Springs churches and guests from the Belton and Royal Oaks churches of the Kansas City Association were also present to share in the days event. The Rev. Bob Dickey is pastor of the Hickory Grove Church.

O'FALLON CALLS TEXAN TO PASTOR

The O'Fallon pastorate is to be filled by the Rev. Don Lombard this coming year. Rev. Lombard, originally of Missouri, has been pastoring in Bryan, Texas area for sometime.

WILLOW SPRINGS ELECTS HILL AS PASTOR

The Willow Springs Church, near Mountain Grove, has elected the Rev. Chesley Hill as pastor following the resignation of Rev. Ezra Butts according to the church clerk, Dora Fry.

The clerk writes, "The Lord continues to bless us here in the church. A young man and his wife were baptized following the worship service on May 31st."

Rev. Hill was formerly the editor of the Free Will Baptist GEM. Besides his pastoring he is also a teacher in the Mt. Grove school system.

LYNN STREET CHURCH PASTORATE GOES FULL-TIME

The Rev. Bill Eden, pastor of the Lynn Street church of Lebanon for 4 years, has assumed the pastorate on a full-time basis. Rev. Eden has worked as an Electrical contractor until the church put him on the full-time status.

MYRTLE CHURCH BLESSED WITH BOGGS

The Myrtle Church has been sharing in some spiritual services under the leadership of the new minister, the Rev. Herbert Boggs. Pastor Boggs assumed the pastorate in February and has already been instrumental in winning 4 persons over 70 years of age in their homes and also two young boys and two of the above saved were baptized and joined the church according to Bernice Cantrell the church clerk.

HAPPY HILL CHURCH BUILDING SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

The Happy Hill Church of near Lebanon, has begun their building program for new Sunday school rooms. Pastor Joe Fulkerson stated the rooms were needed for the instruction of their students and also the church has started sponsoring some foreign missionaries.



**WAYNESVILLE IN
NEW BUILDING**

The Waynesville Church for a fraction over a decade have known many disappointments and set-backs as all missionary churches have, but the new building above is evidence that God crowns the work of those who remain faithful with great things. The church under the leadership of their present pastor, the Rev. Vergel Maness, has built this beautiful building in which to worship and praise God.

The church was organized in 1958 by a group of missionaries lead by Rev. Cleo Covington as pastor. It has been led by many faithful men through these years of growth. Namely, Rev. Covington, Rev. Cliff Bowman, Rev. Marion Allsman, Rev. Morse, Rev. Price, Rev. Leland Horton, Rev. Dale Broyles, and Rev. Barry Hampton, prior to Rev. Maness assuming the pastorate.

According to Rev. Maness the church since April has received 20 new additions to the church membership and

their Sunday morning services has been between 80 and up to 95 with 65-70 in the evening meetings. Their Sunday school average continues to climb since the building and spirit of the people has grown together.

The new building is product of remodeling the former building and adding the new additions for worship and instruction. The church has a basement also which hosts the Junior Sunday school department. And included in the expansion program was a parsonage for the pastor and family. The Waynesville Church is to be commended for the attractive building and the labors for God.

DECISIONS IN JONES CHAPEL REVIVAL

Eleven decisions were made the first week of June at the Jones Chapel Church during a week of revival with the Rev. Dale Underwood of Desloge as the evangelist. Six accepted Christ during the week and five joined the church on the closing night of the meeting.

"We enjoyed a record attendance, good gospel singing, and preaching," states the report. Rev. Billy Joe Gentry is pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTER

Berkeley	334
Trinity	138
West Plains	127
Fredericktown	126
Farmington	121
Lebanon, First	113
Willow Springs,	
Mt. Grove	95
Koshkonong	93
Desloge	91
De Soto	87
Hannon	66
Mine La Motte	49
Salem	40
Hickory Grove	35
St. Joseph	34
Twin City,	
Festus	32

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NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS SET

More than 3,000 persons are expected to attend the 34th annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Fresno, California, July 13-16.

The four-day gathering of ministers, delegates and visitors will include the 35th annual meeting of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, the sixth National Youth Conference, reports from the national departments, business sessions, and messages by four outstanding Free Will Baptists.

Addressing the convention on the theme: "Thy Word is Truth," will be Rev. Henry Litteral, pastor; Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, president of Oklahoma Bible College, Rev. Archie Mayhew, missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, and Rev. J. E. Blanton, pastor.

Meetings of the various groups of the National Association, including the business sessions, general assemblies, and luncheons, will be in the modern, convenient facilities of the Fresno Convention Center. Convention headquarters will be at the Del Webb Townhouse.

Speakers for the WNAC program will be Rev. Dan Merkh, missionary to Nantes, France, Mrs. Helen Sanders, wife of Missionary Luther Sanders of Waipahu, Hawaii, Mrs. Aileen Calvery, wife of Missionary Wesley Calvery of Hokkaido, Japan, and Mrs. Vonette Bright, wife of Campus Crusade founder and director, Bill Bright. A special memorial service will be conducted by Miss Mary Ruth Wisheart for Mrs. J. L. Welch, pioneer Woman's Auxiliary worker.

The National Youth Program will feature messages by Evangelist Ken Riggs and Rev. Eugene Waddell. Teens will take charge Wednesday afternoon in Project LIFE, a door-to-door evangelism campaign. Competitive activities get underway Monday afternoon, continuing through Tuesday and will be highlighted by an awards presentation

that evening. A fiesta banquet after worship services Tuesday night will feature Missionary Bill Fulcher as guest speaker. On Wednesday, a city park and zoo excursion is planned for the children while teens will tour King's Canyon.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BOARD MAKES PROGRESS

The National Home Mission and Church Extension Board met recently in annual session at Nashville, Tennessee.

The financial report for the past year showed an increase in gifts of more than \$25,000 and the 1969 budget was exceeded. Special reports were given to the Board from the Free Will Baptist works in Alaska and Mexico. It was reported that the work in Anchorage, Alaska, is doing exceedingly well and that a new church is being built in Mexico City.

Reverend Jerry Barron and his wife, *Julie*, were approved as missionaries to the western part of Mexico and they will go to the field after appropriate language study. *Reverend* and *Mrs. Rogers McCarty* were approved as missionaries to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and will be on the field in July.

The Board authorized a filmstrip to be prepared depicting the various ministries of the Home Mission Church Extension Department. The Board adopted a proposed budget for 1971 in the amount of \$221,450 to be presented to the National Association while in session in Fresno, California.

Summer missionaries were approved to work in New England, Puerto Rico and Minnesota. Also, for the first time a summer evangelistic team is being sponsored by the Board particularly to work with the young people.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT. HEAD RECEIVES MASTER'S DEGREE

Reverend Roger C. Reeds, General Director of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department received his Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Middle Tennessee State University on Saturday evening, May 30th. Reeds was one of a group of 48 students who graduated with honors. The total number of graduates was 650. His major field was in English while his minor field was in Education.



TWO MISSOURIANS SELECTED HARVESTER EDITOR'S

Two Missouri students were among three chosen by the faculty of Oklahoma Bible College at Moore, Oklahoma, to give leadership in producing the 1971 HARVESTER yearbook. They are Wesley Bigelow, left, of Kansas City who will be the Editor, and Janice Fogerson of Mountain Grove who will serve as Assistant Editor. Doyle Hawkins, right, of Norman, Oklahoma, is the new Business Manager. Advertisements from churches, associations, and businesses are now being accepted for the '71 edition.

OBC ENLARGES TRUSTEE BOARD

At the last Oklahoma State Association, that body voted to enlarge the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Bible College to include one voting member from Arkansas, Colorado, Missouri, New Mexico, Kansas, and Texas. Our State's General Board voted to accept this invitation and proceeded to elect Andy Lay, pastor of the Kirksville church, to the position.

With the privilege of placing a voting member on OBC's Trustee Board, Missourians also acquire the responsibility of standing behind the school with our support. "College Day 70," the school's annual fund drive affords an opportunity for our state to show OBC we are behind her. Our state's goal for this campaign is \$1500. It is hoped that ever pastor will give his people an opportunity to give a special offering to OBC.

Oklahoma Bible College presently offers two years of high quality Christian education. With a fundamental position regarding the Word of God, a completely Christian faculty and staff, and a beautiful new campus just south of Oklahoma City, OBC deserves the investigation of every Free Will Baptist young person considering college. The board recently announced a no increase in tuition for the 1970-71 school year.

BRIDGETON STUDENT OBC GRADUATE

One Missouri student was among the nine individuals who were awarded Associate in Arts degrees May 15 during the annual Commencement Exercises of Oklahoma Bible College. He is Roger



(cover story)

BERKELEY CHURCH

It was on Sunday, January 29, 1938 that a group of people met for Sunday School, in a community hall at 8912 Flavia, Berkeley, Missouri. This was the beginning of what now is the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley. The street has now been changed to Springdale.

On March 5, 1938 the church was organized with seventeen charter members. *Pictured above are two of the charter members, Mrs. Virginia Stone and Mrs. Mildred Dobkins. They are holding plaques of charter membership, presented by the church in a special Sunday Service. This service was held on April 12, 1970.*

The first pastor called to serve the church was Rev. Alva Gulley. The church experienced a normal growth and in 1941 Rev. John Johnston was called as pastor. An increase in Sunday School was enjoyed at this time.

In July, 1943 Rev. William Baldwin was called to pastor and under his leadership the church building was remodelled. The remodeling included some additional Sunday School rooms.

It was in July, 1945 that Rev. O. T. Allred was called to pastor. Rev. Allred

DePriest of St. Johns.

While at OBC, Mr. DePriest, who is a member of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at Bridgeton, was an active member of the campus Master's Men organization. He served the sophomore class as president. His post-graduate plans are to further his higher education.

led the church in building a new basement. Rev. Charles Miller served as pastor from 1947 to 1950. Brother Miller enjoyed a good pastorate.

In July 1950 Rev. Bob Hill accepted the pastorate of the church. The church enjoyed a growth in Sunday School and the building and parking lot were enlarged. Rev. Hill enrolled as a student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College and the church called Rev. Don Ellis. It was during this time the church added some additional Sunday School rooms.

After Rev. Ellis resigned it was in late September of 1955 that the church called Rev. Harvey Hill. He and his family enjoyed a good pastorate with the church. It was during his ministry the church built the present auditorium which will seat 600, with Sunday School space on the lower level. In July 1963 Rev. Hill accepted the pastorate of a church in Florida.

On the second Sunday of October, 1963 Rev. Clarence Burton and family began their work at the church. (Rev. Burton is the present pastor) During the ministry of Rev. Burton the church has built a three story educational building and new parsonage.

The history of the church has not been phenomenal but it is evident the Lord has blessed. The average attendance last year was 351 and the valuation of the church property is in excess of \$275,000.

Rev. Burton states: "We are eternally grateful for the blessings of the Lord. He has blessed with a wonderful group of Christian people; a good, solid church board, trustee board, usher board and capable Sunday School and CTS workers. Also, this must be included—a church that is blessed with a capable choir director, musicians, and choir members is a church that can be thankful—we thank God at the Berkeley Church."

NATIONAL DONATIONS FROM STATE OF MISSOURI

Cooperative Plan	\$ 284.92
C.T.S. c/o Betty Flaxbeard, Rt. 1, Purdy	5.00
South Side F.W.B. Church - St. Louis	27.50
First F.W.B. Church - Fredericktown	30.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church - Flat River	20.00
First F.W.B. Church - Mountain Grove	32.00
F.W.B. Church - Salem	10.00
Pleasant Ridge F.W.B. Church - Urbana	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Denton	5.00
Myrtle F.W.B. Church - Myrtle	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs - Fredericktown	5.00
New Home F.W.B. Church - Hartville	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vencie Long - Hartville	5.00
Columbia F.W.B. Church - Columbia	5.00
Victory F.W.B. Church - Avondale	26.12
First F.W.B. Church - Monett	75.00
F.W.B. Ladies Auxiliary - Fredericktown	10.00
Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church - Stork City	5.00
Mr. Leslie L. Hansen - St. Louis	7.25
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite - Mountain Grove	3.00
Mr. Vernon E. Long - Festus	10.00
WNAC	795.57
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Fry - Mountain Grove	2.00
	\$1,408.36



MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION May 5, 1970 - June 5, 1970

First Church, Monett	\$ 50.00
Victory	62.26
Belton	35.00
Hannon	37.00
Union	6.00
Coppermines	32.00
Verdella	5.75
De Soto	15.20
Farmington	21.00
Rock Chapel	14.00
Alton	9.75
Low Ground	10.00
West Plains	75.00
Cuba	5.00
James McAllister	5.00
O'Fallon	5.00
Myrtle	9.00
First Church, Flat River	15.00
Parkview	15.00
Grant Avenue	19.25
Mine La Motte	10.00
Calvary, Marshfield	10.63
Fellowship, Flat River	36.00
Grace	22.00
Co-operative fund - May	726.65
	\$1251.99

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Greetings to all Missouri Free Will Baptists:

On behalf of the people of Trinity Church, it is my happy privilege to express a warm and cordial invitation to attend the 57th Session of the Missouri State Association. Located on the north-western edge of the St. Louis area, we are only minutes away from the Gateway Arch, a beautiful architectural achievement; the St. Louis Zoo, one of the largest in the U.S.; and the beautiful new Stadium, home of the St. Louis baseball and football Cardinals. If your fancy is inclined toward river boats, Huck Finn, and Tom Sawyer, then add an additional half day to your trip and travel up the west side of the Mississippi to Hannibal.

The town of Bridgeton is growing at a tremendous rate with new homes being built by the thousands each year. Beautiful new churches are being built along her winding roads and the St. Louis Municipal Airport and McDonnell Aircraft are both only minutes away from our church.

We have just finished our new sanctuary and would love to have you share our joy by attending the State Meeting August 18-20.

If you would like to stay in the home of one of our families during the meeting of the association, please write to the Hospitality Committee and inform them as to when you will arrive and how many there will be in your group.

I shall look forward to personalizing this invitation by a friendly handshake on August 18th.

In Christ,
 Rev. Russel Spurgeon

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STATE MEETINGS

The following motels are all within 5-8 minutes by automobile from the church. None are within walking distance. These rates are June 1 quotations but it is necessary to advise that every individual is responsible for securing their own reservation and verifying their rates. The meeting is but a month away so reservations should be made early.

Air-O-Way	Single \$8.00
4125 N. Lindbergh	Double \$10.00
Phone: 291-3414	Two Double Beds \$15.00
Ben Franklin Motel	Double (1 or 2 people) \$9.00
4645 N. Lindbergh	Two Double: 1, 2 people \$11.00
Phone: 426-7200	3 people \$13.00
(Children under 12-free)	4 people \$15.00

The Sands Motel	Single \$14.00
4630 N. Lindbergh	Double \$16.00
Phone: 429-4444	Two Double \$18.00

Congress Airport Inn	Single \$10.50
3433 N. Lindbergh	Double \$12.50
Phone: 731-3242	Two Double \$16.50
(Children under 12 Free)	

Executive International Inn	Single \$12.36
453 N. Lindbergh	Double \$15.45
Phone: 731-3800	Two Doubles \$18.00
(Children under 12 free)	

Motel Capri	Single \$8.00
3679 N. Lindbergh	Double \$10.00
Phone: 428-3070	Two Doubles \$12.00

Sheraton Airport Inn	Single \$13.00
Lindbergh at Highway I-70	Double \$16.00
Phone: 731-3600	Two Doubles \$18.00 (2 people)
	\$20.00 (3 people)
	\$22.00 (4 people)

Red Carpet Inn	Efficiency unit—
4690 N. Lindbergh	Kitchenette: \$13.5 (1-2 occupants)
Phone: 731-3040	Three room suite:
	Kitchen Dinette, Livingroom
	Private bedroom: \$15.95
	(1-2 occupants).

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**TRINITY TO HOST
STATE ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 18-20**

This year the State Association will be hosted by the beautiful new Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Bridgeton (a suburb of St. Louis) on August 18-20. The Executive Committee of the General Board has selected, "LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD'S RETURN," as the theme of this convention.

The Rev. O.T. Allred, pastor of the First Church of Monett will be the keynote speaker, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. speaking on, "The Imminence of the Lord's Return." The Wednesday 11:00 A.M. message, "Building Up the Church in the Light of the Lord's return," will be presented by the Rev. J. Mark Vandivort, pastor of the Columbia Church. The Wednesday evening Missions Service at 7:30 P.M. themed, "Evangelizing in the Light of the Lord's Return," will be preached by the Dr. LaVerne Miley medical missionary to the Ivory Coast. The concluding worship service will be preached by the Rev. John Land, pastor of the Fourth Church of St. Louis, speaking on the theme message, "Separated Living in the Light of the Lord's Return."

The pastor, the Rev. Russel Spurgeon, advises the church will provide child care for children 3 years old and younger during the worship services and business sessions of the State proper and the Auxiliary meeting.

(Other information relative to the State meeting as to directions and accommodations is found in this issue).

To those coming from the north and west:

Come east on I-70 to I-270 interchange. Take I-270 north ½ mile to Natural Bridge—St. Charles Rd. exit—Go east on St. Charles Rd. To McKelvey Rd. Turn right on McKelvey ¾ mile to Trinity Church on corner of Old St. Charles Rd. and McKelvey.

To those coming from the south:

Come north on I-244—I-270 to Natural Bridge—St. Charles Rd. exit. Go east on St. Charles Rd. to McKelvey Rd. Turn right on McKelvey ¾ mile to Trinity Church on corner of Old St. Charles Rd. and McKelvey.

**FALL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN
LIVING IS . . . MAKING HIM KNOWN**

What the church is doing today affects the next generation. Will the youth of the evangelical church grow up trained that Christianity is passive, not active? Will they easily discharge their obligations of the Christian life by only attending church on Sunday, hearing the message from God's Word, and never giving out to those around them? By the example of the adults, are youth learning the New Testament pattern of ministering to persons whom they meet each day—as a normal part of their lives? What will be the pattern of the coming generation of evangelical churches?

LIVING IS . . . MAKING HIM KNOWN is the theme for this year's Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. This Enlargement Program is designed to provide challenge and method whereby the individual Christian may be an effective witness of those things which he possess as a child of God.

"LIVING IS . . ." speaks of the day-by-day routine of life.

"MAKING HIM KNOWN" challenges each Christian to true New Testament Christianity.

Sunday schools will be arranged in accordance with the following table for competitive purposes.

- Division A - over 500 average
- Division B - 400-500
- Division C - 300-399 average
- Division D - 200-299 average
- Division E - 150-199 average
- Division F - 100-149 average
- Division G - 50-99 average
- Division H - under 49 average

The Enlargement Campaign will begin on Sunday *September 6* and continue through Sunday, *September 17, 1970*. Sunday schools in each division who experience the greatest *percentage* of gain over the thirteen weeks average attendance for April-May-June this year will be declared winners and awarded appropriate plaques denoting first or second place. **THE PRESENT SIZE OF YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOES NOT HINDER YOU FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN YOUR DIVISION.** Campaign materials are available from the Sunday School Department.



FOREIGN MISSION—GIVING FOR MONTH OF MAY

Cooperative Plan	474.46
Hazel Creek F.W.B. Church, Kirksville	176.00
South Side F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	174.13
Columbia F.W.B. Church, Columbia	25.46
Mrs. Laurie Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Farmington F.W.B. Church, Farmington	48.65
New Harmony F.W.B. Church, Greentop	102.86
First F.W.B. Church, Mtn. Grove	54.05
First F.W.B. Church, St. Joseph	5.11
Cuba Womans Aux., Cuba	17.47
First V.W.B. Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Flat River	320.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Salem	10.00
Anonymous	5.00
Young Married Class, Fredericktown	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Clay, Unionville	5.00
Alton F.W.B. Church, Alton	13.15
Garfield Sunday School, Couch	20.00
Copper Mines Teen Class, Fredericktown	6.50
Warrensburg F.W.B. Mission, Warrensburg	39.18
Myrtle F.W.B. Church, Myrtle	42.26
Belton F.W.B. Church, Belton	10.00
Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown	15.00
Hannon F.W.B. Church, Liberal	31.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley	147.50
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Smith, Farmington	4.00
Columbia F.W.B. Church, Columbia	25.10
First F.W.B. Church, Springfield	65.83
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Buffalo F.W.B. Sunday School, Buffalo	24.79
Victory F.W.B. Church, Avondale	41.12
New Home F.W.B. Church, Hartville	81.46
Thayer Masters Men, Thayer	5.00
First F.W.B. Church, De Soto	31.50
Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church, Gower	23.20
Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Slinkard, Fredericktown	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cummins, Houston	10.00
Thayer F.W.B. Church, Thayer	79.50
Verdella F.W.B. Church, Liberal	10.00
Twin City F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	60.00
South Side F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	217.42
Houston F.W.B. Church, Houston	10.00
Grace F.W.B. Church, Arnold	42.00
Mr. and Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Fourth F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	57.03
Wolf Creek F.W.B. Church, Mansfield	33.60
Martinstown F.W.B. Church, Novinger	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	170.00
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Oak Grove F.W.B. Church, Norwood	100.37
Central F.W.B. Church, Kansas City	21.59
O'Fallon F.W.B. Church, O'Fallon	50.00
Hickory Grove F.W.B. Church, Harrisonville	21.88
Festus First F.W.B. Church, Festus	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Low Ground F.W.B. Church, Novinger	5.00
Alton F.W.B. Church, Alton	5.00
W.N.A.C.	1,358.11
First F.W.B. Church, Monett	20.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Flat River	260.00
Mr. Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
Parkview F.W.B. Church, Desloge	97.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Cuba	7.00
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting, Brentwood	100.00
Lois Skaggs, Farmington	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	8.00
	\$4,944.28

NEWS

STATE MINISTERS RETREAT SPARKS WITH SPIRITUAL FERVOR

Thirty ministers, five ministers wives, and two laymen met at the camp grounds in Niangua April 20, 21 for the annual Ministers retreat which was highlighted by the messages of Rev. Roger Harwell, Rev. Bill Adkinson, Rev. O.T. Allred and Rev. Peyton Smyers. Other services shared by the various presentations of other speakers whose lessons and participation brought the sparking of spiritual shouting and blessings direct from the throne of God. The Rev. Luther Gibson taught a course on Ministerial Ethics, Rev. Jimmy Bundy led in a testimony meeting that was overwhelmed by spiritual blessings, and layman Orlie Phillips of Monett showed his slides from his recent trip to the Holy Land.

All these services, combined with other features, formed an outstanding two days of retreat.

MARSHFIELD CHURCH HAS PASTORAL CHANGE

The William Reeves has resigned the Marshfield Church after seven years of service. The new pastor, Rev. James Crawford, assumed the pastorate the first Sunday in April. The church presently has a membership of 17 and averages around 45 to 50 in Sunday School.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Grover Pingleton has resigned the Alton Church.

Rev. Eddie Altus from the New Rock Springs Church to the Rock Chapel Church.

Rev. Bud Hill from Union to Willow Springs.

Rev. George Bryant to Union Church.

Rev. Gene McCully from Rock Chapel.

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

TRINITY CHURCH, BRIDGETON, MISSOURI August 18, 1970

THEME: "Come Thou With Us . . ." Numbers 10:29

Tuesday Morning

- 9:30 Convention Hymn "Win Them One By One"
"Love Is The Bridge" Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Special Music Lebanon Trio
Welcome Mrs. Carlette Herron
Response Mrs. Willa Bullard
Recognition of Delegates, Mrs. Brenda Evans
Appointment of Committees
Congregation Sings
Play - "The Old Man" by Ester Smith State Officers
- 11:00 Congregation Sings "Come Thou Fount"
Solo Mrs. Wanda Huett
Message Rev. Bill Fulcher
Missions Offering
Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon

- 1:30 Chorus Time Mrs. Joan Filkins
Solo Mrs. Barbard Oxendine
Devotion Time Mrs. Glenda Fulcher
Business Session
Installation of Officers Mrs. Delois Loveless

Music Director - Mrs. Joan Filkins
Organist - Mrs. Pearl Denton
Pianist - Mrs. Anna Mae McFarland

"LIFE OF BENJAMIN RANDALL" REPUBLISHED AND AVAILABLE

The book many have been looking for is now available. "The Life of Elder Benjamin Randall" principally taken from the documents written by himself and compiled and edited by John Buzzell in 1827 has been reprinted by the members of the Historical Commissions of the Northeastern Association of Free Will Baptist. The cost of the book is \$3.00 per copy, plus postage, and available only from: Rev. Mack C. Owens, P.O. Box 142, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada.

NOTICE!!!

Mrs. Gladys Sloan regrets she will not be able to attend the Women's Retreat. We, too, are sorry she cannot be with us. The Foreign Missions Retreat will be at the same time so she is obligated to attend it. We understand the conflict of dates and hope that she can meet with us at another time.

Dr. Norma Farmer will again be digging nuggets of gold from the Word to bless our hearts. We are grateful for her and are eagerly looking forward to her ministry to us at our Retreat, August 3, 4, at the Youth camp grounds.

Woman's World



GRACE CHURCH HAS ENLISTMENT BANQUET

Nineteen members and guests attended the enlistment banquet of the Grace Church Auxiliary at the Fin and Feather Restaurant in Arnold May 19th. Mrs. Joan Barr, Chairman, along with the help of seven other members presented a skit, "Just a Notion." Mrs. Norma Kennedy, Prayer Chairman, explained the purpose of the Auxiliary, each office, and the duties required of each officer and member. Mrs. Judi Robertson told of the many tasks accomplished the last year for our missionaries.

Two members were accepted, Mrs. Helen McGraw, and Mrs. Laverne Javernig.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN JEFFERSON CITY

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention Executive Committee met in Jefferson City May 7. The planning of the program for the State Convention August 18 was the main item of business. The chairman of the Retreat committee and Constitution and By-laws committee gave reports, and three recommendations were made to WNAC concerning changes in the Manual.

A ballot for voting on each item of business will be sent to each officer since less than a quorum was present for the meeting.

FIRST, LEBANON

The Auxiliary of the First church, Lebanon, met for their regular meeting with 16 members and 2 visitors who became members. The new officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Linda Day; Vice-President, Mrs. Freida Hays; Secretary, Mrs. Mary

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officer; Corresponding-secretary, Mrs. Madeline Loney; Treasurer, Mrs. Naomia Hefton; Program Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Harwell; Project Chairman, Mrs. Grace Day; Personal Service Chairman, Gladys Montgomery; Study Course, Janell Walters; Mission Chairman, Jean Bowman; Refreshment Chairman, Hazel Embry. It was voted to send a box of needed articles to the Arthur Billows School in Mexico.

MONETT

Our mission project for May was to send some money for song books to a new mission church. The Benevolent project for May was to send a get well card to one of our church ladies who was sick. Our lesson was, "An ideal woman—Far above rubies." A skit, "He that wins souls is wise," was presented also. Then our group gathered at the altar for prayer led by Alta Powell and dismissed.

BERKELEY

The Berkeley Auxiliary gave their offering to the Billows account to help purchase a washing machine. Refreshments were served and a gift was presented to Mrs. Mildred Dobkins this being here last night to attend Auxiliary.

COLLEGE TRIO TO TOUR MISSOURI

*Standing—Stephanie Vincent, Janie Sitton
Seated—Wanda Weaver, Naomi Hall*



The Gleaners Trio, representing the Free Will Baptist Bible College, will be singing in many Free Will Baptist churches throughout Missouri the last of July and first of August. The list of churches to be visited will appear in the College bulletin or watch the newsletter of your church or your local newspaper for the announcement and date.

The program of sacred music and spiritual songs is being sponsored by the local churches where they will sing. Members of the trio are: Miss Stephanie Vincent, Second Soprano, Kirksville, Missouri; Miss Naomi Hall, Alto, Owensboro, Kentucky; Miss Wanda Weaver, Timmons ville, South Carolina, First Soprano; and Miss Janie Sitton, Clarksville, Tennessee, pianist.

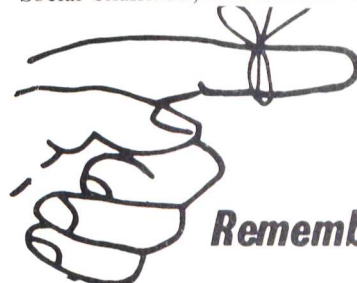
FIRST, FESTUS

The regular meeting of the Auxiliary was combined as a Mother-Daughter banquet. Nine members and twenty-five visitors were present.

A skit was performed by the auxiliary member's daughters called "Mother Nature." Every mother was given a corsage. The banquet tables were

SOUTHSIDE

The Southside auxiliary has a new team of officers to lead them in carrying on their tasks. The officers were elected in May and took office in June. Some changes were made and some remained the same. President, Mrs. Lillie Tallent; Vice-President, Mrs. Maxine Wagner; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dee Stacy; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Ferguson; Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Cruse; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Sue Winchester; Missions Chairman, Mrs. Shirley Winters; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Vitress Kellerman; Program Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Beatty; and Social Chairman, Mrs. Lorraine Colter.



Remember!

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



Secretary Beatty and Deacon's Clyde Byrd and Bud Eaton at his meeting at the Joplin Church.

PASTOR CLYDE MONTGOMERY, and the New Home Free Will Baptist Church, hosted the First Mission Quarterly meeting, Thursday May 7th. Twenty churches were represented with delegates. The gospel messages were delivered by ministers Gibson, McCully, Murray, Hogue, Bennett, and Smyer in the course of the day. The Moderator, the Rev. Eddie Altis, granted plenty time for our Missouri Co-operative program.

Saturday, May ninth, the Indian Creek Quarterly meeting assembled with the Carterville Church with most of their churches represented. Rev. Alton Loveless, pastor of the Joplin Church, delivered the 11 o'clock sermon. The Moderator, Tommy Carlson, gave time for the Missouri promotional program.

Sunday morning, May tenth, I worshipped with the Joplin Church and delivered the 11 o'clock sermon there. Pastor Loveless reports having souls saved in recent services there. On Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in the Waynesville Church where Pastor Vergel Maness reports souls being saved in their regular services also. Their church and educational building project is nearing completion and they will be able to accomodate their increasing attendance.

Pastor Cliff Bowman and the Olivet Church hosted the Kansas City Association annual meeting Saturday May sixteenth. Rev. Christenson preached in

the afternoon session and the Rev. Earl Langley in the evening service. Each of their churches reported souls were saved and an increase in church membership for the past year. Moderator Lawrence Thompson gave plenty time for our Missouri Co-operative program. Sunday morning May eighteenth I delivered the sermon in the Olivet Church where we witnessed a good altar service with souls saved and others rededicated themselves to the Lord. This church is also in the process of expanding and enlarging their church sanctuary. That Sunday evening I stopped by our Columbia Mission and delivered the evening message where Pastor Vandivort is encouraged with a new family living near the church enlisting recently. Pray for them as some of the students attending college there transfer elsewhere and that new people may be won to replace them.

Sunday morning, May 24th, I delivered the sermon at the Thayer Church. Pastor Jerry Fields baptized an elderly man that Sunday who was saved in their recent revival. Other young persons were saved in their revival as well.

I attended the annual Niangua associational meeting held with the Cedar Ridge Church on Saturday evening, May 30th and Sunday, the 31st. Sermons were delivered by ministers Robert Long, Cecil Horner, Danny Talbott, Len Gardner, and Frank Linton. Moderator Linton gave time for our Missouri co-operative program. Pastor Willie Bennett and the Cedar Ridge Church did a fine job in hosting the association. Sunday evening, I visited the Meramec Heights Church. Under the leadership of Pastor Al Helms this church is growing well.

Forty-plus churches sent in co-operative funds in May. Thus we are still running ahead of our budget schedule towards our \$50,000 goal. The total amount received for the ten month period is \$43,497.70. Please note the new organization, the Gray Summits Free Will Baptist Church, adopted the plan this month.

May - 1970 Cooperative Receipts

Mine La Motte	12.32
Jackson	8.19
First FWB, West Plains	79.00
Fellowship	50.00
Mt. Grove	176.50
Cabool	83.91
Willow Springs	54.00
Farmington	183.32
Columbia	93.09
Viburnum	47.97
Salem	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Granby	14.88
Olivett	101.00
Berkeley	304.14
Belton	96.73
Thayer	54.80
Hannon	62.00
Warrensburg	24.40
Merl's Chapel	56.36
Garfield	17.15
Pleasant Home	57.29
Marshfield	22.63
Jones Chapel	10.00
Victory	161.99
Desoto	56.00
New Harmony Sunday School	10.67
Grace	205.00
Rock Chapel	19.71
Verdella	40.89
Fourth	182.00
Copper Mines	40.00
Royal Oaks	27.56
Hickory Grove	21.78
Fellowship	50.00
Monett	120.90
New Prospect Sunday School	93.20
Waynesville	206.69
Columbia	40.05
Willow Springs	55.98
South Side	210.60
Grant Ave.	324.10
Gray Summits	22.25
Cope	37.44
Mine La Motte	19.00
Cedar Ridge	81.72
First FWB, West Plains	84.00
Parkview	125.72
Central Kansas City	150.00
Total May Receipts:	\$4036.93
1.00% Mo. Superannuation	40.37
1.50% Mo. C.T.S. & S.S.	60.54
4.00% Gem	161.48
4.00% Mo. Youth Camp	161.48
7.75% General fund	312.86
16.00% Promotional Dept.	645.92
18.00% Missouri Missions	726.65
47.75% National FWB	1927.63

100% Disbursed—Total \$4036.93