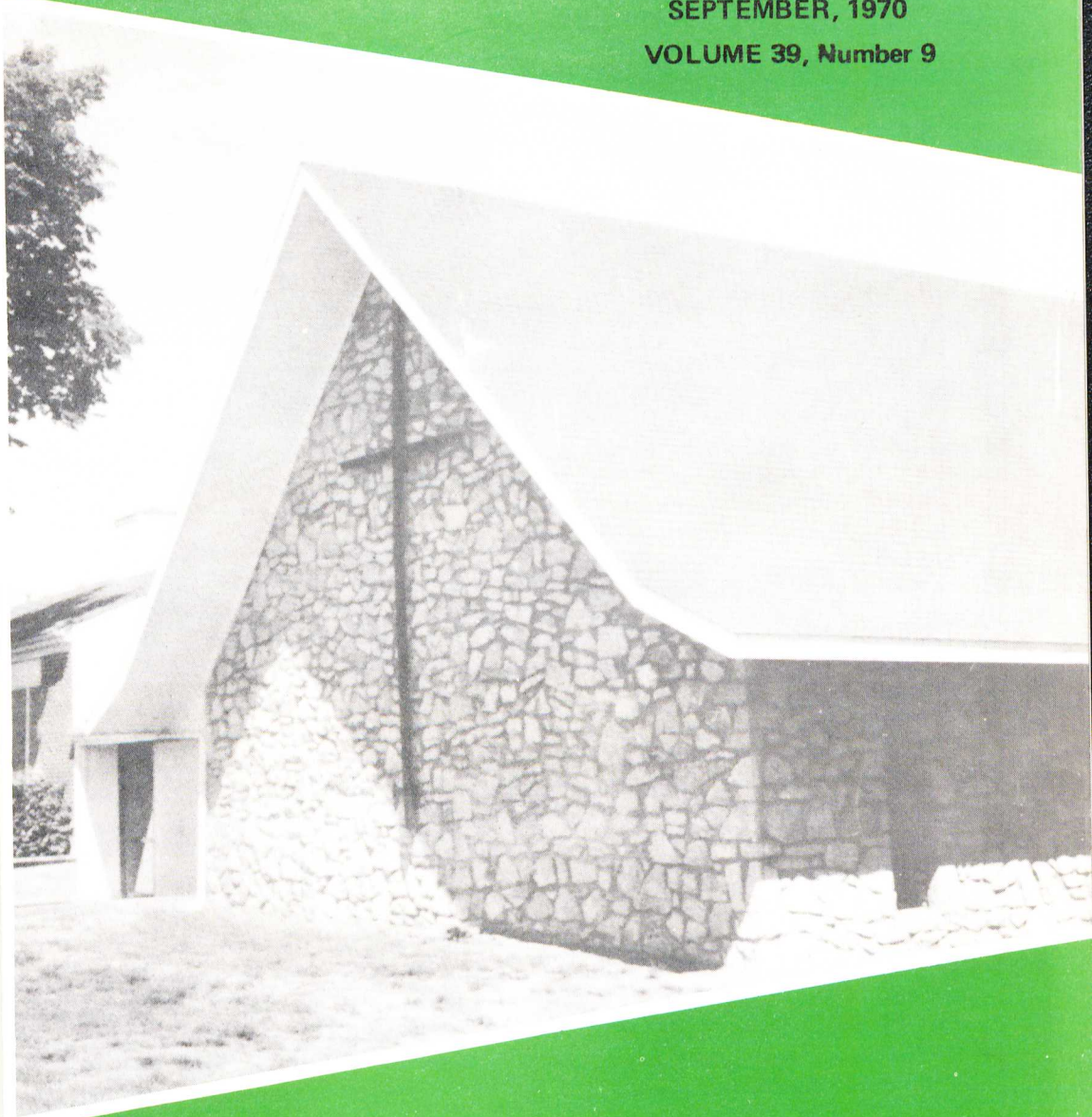


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I was glad  
when they  
said unto  
me, Let us  
go into the  
house of the  
Lord.  
*Psalm 122:1*



COVER STORY

This is the CENTRAL Free Will Baptist Church, 1112 East 77th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, which was organized in February, 1963. Forty-six persons met and worshipped in the home of Mr. Lee Sherrell until the mission grew and was organized into the Central Church by the Missouri Home Mission Board. The Rev. James McAllister was the pastor throughout the growth and building periods.

The lovely church building and parsonage stand at the corner of 77th Street and Troost Avenue to serve this part of greater Kansas City. The property is valued at well over \$100,000.00 and has facilities to train as it maintains a strong message of salvation for the lost and strength for the Christian.

The Central Church supports every part of the work of our denomination by their gifts co-operatively and designated. Rev. Dale Jones is the present Pastor.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**Gem**



# Personal from the Editor



**W**E FACE PROBLEMS, today, in every direction. One could not begin to list the many that currently present themselves to us. And, of course, a sampling of the thorny issues that confront us wouldn't bring an answer anyway.

Christians believe that "Christ is the Answer" to all problems. By this they generally mean that if the Gospel were preached to all men, and if all men came to a saving knowledge of Christ, there would be no more problems.

All men, however, *will not* respond to the Gospel. Experience shows that fewer accept the Truth than reject it—so that Christians will always be a minority in society. Society, in other words, will never be "converted" as a whole in our day, so the necessity of our remaining faithful to His ministry of spreading the Word, the Good News, is every day a dire pressing responsibility.

But let us consider the opposite and that all men became Christians, we would still have problems, for Christians are seldom perfect. Look at the church at Corinth! Look at your own church! Look at yourself!

Does this mean that Christians are to give up the struggle so far as a concern for the unconverted majority is concerned? I think not. I believe God wants His people always to be an influence for good. I do not believe He wants them to give up teaching Sunday school, witnessing, doing church visitation, singing in the choir, or otherwise actively serving Him in order to engage in civic or social service. I believe, however, that He wants us to be informed citizens who exert influence in the right direction as we serve to lead not only men to Christ but also the community in the proper direction.

This is how "Christ is the Answer." As you note, He is the

Answer only as we apply, to the problems of our time, the principles He advocated and used—the principles embodied in God's Word, the Bible. The more these principles are applied to conditions today—even by unbelievers—the better off society will be.

It is apparent that the mood of our time has created a mass depression and it is necessary that the Christian life be geared in it's every facet toward a spiritual up-lifting and bring the mood and mode of life to a higher plane. And brethren this means we have a job, in Christ, to do. We don't have time to split theological hairs which waste our hours and influence away, while multitudes perish in our town and cities near us as well as in distance lands. Everything is in the Christians favor when you put it in the proper light. To name a few of our worst enemies and to expose them in the light of the Bible is meaningful. Communism as an ideology no longer impresses the world because it has failed to bring "the good life" to the Soviet Union and China. Poverty increases with population growth and food supplies dwindle with more than half the world hungry today. Christ gives us a fill that is both bread and drink. Historically nations that have been strong in the faith have always been fed and those who have forgotten Him have suffered. With drugs, drink, we see crime increasing rapidly, but Christ is the answer to each and we are His messengers to that teen or adult eager to receive an aid to meet his need and usually ends with an acceptance of Christ.

I was recently in St. Paul, Minnesota with Home Missionary Robert Francis. He stated that his own daughter related that all but five of her fifth grade class smoked and some were drug users already. The past has taught us that youth respond to the message of Christ at early ages. Let us gear our message to reach them at a young age to prevent a messed-up life before them.

With half our population being 25 or under we must bridge the spiritual gap to reach the reachables. Want a challenge? As a Christian you have one, for one-fourth of all people who have ever lived from all of times past to the present, live today. That is our mission field. More to reach in the best possible method God can give us as long as they point men to Christ!

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GROW!  
GLOW!

# THE CHALLENGE OF THE 70'S

By Roy Pearson

In May 4, 1970, four college students were shot to death as the students of Kent State University were fighting with National Guardsmen. As a result, 136 colleges and universities of our nation were closed because of riots. On May 9, college students from across America converged on Washington in a protest march. Several days later more students lost their lives. In response to these riots, President Nixon appointed Dr. Alexander Heard, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, to serve as communication director between the President and the youth of America. Apparently, the youth of America is the challenge of the seventies. They desire

change because the present system doesn't seem to be working. At least this is what they feel. Why all the rebellion and the lack of communication? I feel there are three areas in which we Christians must realize that the youth in our 1970 is the challenge of the Seventies.

FIRST, I feel there is definitely a gap between parents and children. Recently, a survey revealed that most young people in a certain church would not go to their parents because the youth thought their parents were too old-fashioned and would not listen to them. I believe this is a valid argument. Why? When was the last time as a parent you communicated your love and your desire to understand your child? When was the last time you had a "heart to heart" talk with your child without going into a raging fit or openly condemning everything he does? What kind of example are you to your children? Do you daily seek to live before your children as you do before others? Do you pray with your children? What kind of Christian example do you offer? I have found when young people come to me, nine out of ten cases reveal hypocrisy in the life of the parent. This is what concerns me. We condemn them and yet we offer them no real solution. We preach Christ and live like the devil. What kind of training are you giving your children? Are you stern or permissive? Are you prone to give in? Do you let them do as they please? Do you have a happy home? Do you and your wife fuss all the time? These are questions you must ask yourself, and by all means be *honest* in evaluating what kind of parent you are. The home is God ordained and as parents you are responsible for your children. Read Genesis 1:27-28; Proverbs 22:6; Deut. 6:7; and Ephesians 6:4.



SECOND, I feel there is a gap between the church and the youth. Analyze the program in your church. What kind of youth program do you have? Is it challenging to them or is it something just to occupy their time? Do you seek to help them learn spiritual truths and apply them to their life or do you just teach with really no aim? What are the qualifications of your Sunday School Teachers? Do they help or hinder your cause? Do you constantly condemn your youth or do you teach them the wrong way and the right way? Do you really seek to get them saved or do you always tell them they are going to hell? After they become Christians, what do you do with them? Do you seek to get them involved? Do you seek to help them grow spiritually? On and on one could go, but how about it? What effort are you putting forth to really train the youth in your church. Sunday School and CTS are not enough. They are only the beginning. As a pastor and leader of today you must seek to enfill the leaders of tomorrow with Christ. You must not only teach them John 3:16, but you must also get them to see the meaning of John 3:16 and how it applies to their life.

THIRD, I feel there is a gap between Christian youth and youth. We become so swallowed up in our piousty that we forget all about other youth. What kind of testimony do we live before other youth? Do we seek to lead them to Christ and show them the joy that is in our heart? Or are we like the Pharisee who thought he was better than the Publican? What are we doing to help other young people see Christ? What do we do to help and encourage youth who turn to Christ? I feel we as Christian youth have failed those of our generation who are not Christians.

These thoughts I hope will challenge parents, the Church and other Christian youth to become aware of the challenge in the Seventies—YOUTH.

*Roy Pearson is a senior student at Free Will Baptist Bible College. His wife is from Missouri and he is from Laurel, Mississippi.*



# State Convention Highlights

## CONVENTION ACCEPTS RECORD BUDGET FOR 70-71

The 57th Annual Convention meeting at the Trinity Church, Bridgeton, Missouri, passed a proposed budget totaling \$56,000.00 for the next fiscal year. According to the Promotional-Secretary's office 80 churches gave toward the Co-operative program to break the previous years budget of \$50,000.00. The total gifts given this year to the Co-op fund alone was \$54,352.93. The Promotional-Secretary's office is directed this year to earmark all gifts given to the Co-operative program with the breakdown being as follows:

### STATE CO-OP:

State Home Mission Board	10,500.00	18.75%
Promotional Department	8,960.00	16.
General Fund	3,920.00	7.
Youth Camp Board	2,240.00	4.
Gem	2,240.00	4.
Sunday School and Church		
Training Service Board	560.00	1.
Superannuation Board	<u>140.00</u>	<u>.25</u>
Total State Co-Op	25,560.00	51. %

### NATIONAL CO-OP:

Foreign Missions	7,280.00	13. %
National Executive Dept.	5,600.00	10.
Free Will Baptist Bible College	5,600.00	10.
National Home Missions	3,920.00	7.
National C.T.S. Board	1,680.00	3.
Retirement and Insurance Board	840.00	1.50
Layman's Board	560.00	1.
Theological Liberalism Commission	<u>280.00</u>	<u>.50</u>
Total National Co-Op	\$25,760.00	46. %

### OTHER:

OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE	<u>1,680.00</u>	<u>3. %</u>
Total	\$56,000.00	100. %

## NEW 1970-71 OFFICERS ELECTED

The fiscal year will be directed under the leadership of the newly elected officers who will also preside at the 58th annual convention. The Rev. Clarence Burton, Pastor of the Berkeley City Church was elected Moderator. The Assistant Moderator is Rev. Jim McAllister, pastor of the Monett Church. Rev. William Evans, pastor of the Farmington Church, will serve as Clerk and the Rev. Dale Jones, pastor of the Central Church of Kansas City, will serve as the Assistant Clerk.

The other newly elected positions are as follows: Home Mission Board: Rev. Cliff Bowman, 5 year term; Rev. Andy Lay, 3 years. Youth Camp: Rev. Floyd Arnold, 5 years. Sunday School and C.T.S.: Rev. Jim Bundy. Superannuation: Rev. James Barker, 5 years; Rev. C. B. Dees, 4 years; Rev. Don Lombard, 3 years, and Rev. Billy Walker, 1 year.

Newly elected representative to the General Board were: Rev. Roger Harvell, Liberty Asso.; Rev. O. T. Allred, Indian Creek; Rev. Vergel Maness, Lacede County; Rev. Bob Dickey, Central Western; Rev. Jerry Fields, Cave Springs; and Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Greater Kansas City.



Left to right are: Burton, McAllister, Evans and Beatty.

## PROMOTIONAL-SECRETARY REHIRED

The Rev. Harry Beatty was rehired by the Board to serve his 9th year as Promotional-Secretary.

## OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE TRUSTEE

Rev. Andy Lay was elected to represent Missouri officially on the O.B.C. Trustee Board.

## NEW GEM EDITOR

Rev. Eddie Altus was elected to edit the Free Will Baptist Gem beginning with the October issue. (Your present editor has resigned to become a consultant in Christian Education with Scripture Press Publications of Chicago, Ill. and will serve in Atlanta, Georgia).

## NEW GEM RATES

Because of the increase in printing cost, the Gem will increase the subscription rates to \$2.00 for the single subscription rate and \$1.50 per person in the Church Family Plan. The rate increase date will be announced in a future issue.

## PENDING MOTION FAILS

A motion, tabled two years ago, to change the State Convention dates to an earlier date meeting prior to the National Convention each year, failed.

## COMMENTS OF CONVENTION

"The 57th State convention was one of outstanding preaching with a wholesome spirit throughout the meeting," states the Rev. Bill Evans, the newly elected Clerk.

The convention met with the Trinity Church of Bridgeton, Missouri and was cared for very well in their beautiful new building. The pastor, Rev. Russel Spurgeon, and the entire church worked hard to meet the needs of the delegations from over the state and visiting areas.



# National Convention Highlights

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS DEFEND LEADERS, APPROVE \$2,400,000 BUDGET

Both the general board and the voting delegates of the National Association of Free Will Baptists came to the defense of their denominational leaders at the 34th annual convention here July 13-16, passing resolutions that absolved them from charges of "moving toward heretical doctrine" and leaning toward "neo-evangelicalism." Voting delegates also approved national department budgets totaling nearly \$2,400,000, elected 11 new board members and re-elected four National Association officers during the four-day meeting.

A resolution coming from the executive committee to the general board Monday, July 13, got easy passage after minor additions, and was presented to the national body on Wednesday as part of the general board's report.

The resolution defended denominational leaders from attacks charging the leaders with theological compromise and softness toward liberalism. It named among the attackers of the denominational leaders, "particularly . . . Bobby Smith, Billy Baugham, Bob Jones and Bob Jones III.

Bob Jones and Bob Jones III are the president and vice-president, respectively, of an interdenominational university in Greenville, S.C., Smith and Baugham are graduate students in the university and both are Free Will Baptists.

Among those leaders specifically mentioned in the resolution are the heads of the denomination's national departments, Free Will Baptist Bible College officials and World Vision International President Dr. W. S. Mooneyham. Dr. Mooneyham is a former moderator and one-time Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The statement reaffirms the delegates' "wholehearted commitment to the fundamentals of the Christian faith

in general and to the Free Will Baptist denomination in particular, and likewise our stalwart opposition to all forms of false doctrine, including Modernism, and to all philosophies which soften resistance to false doctrine, including Neo-evangelicalism."

Dr. Robert Picirilli retained his position of moderator of the National Association, and Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, assistant moderator, Waldo Young, clerk, and Jerry Dudley, assistant clerk, were also re-elected. Picirilli was widely praised for his "superb job of moderating the convention."

Eleven new board members were elected to fill expiring and vacated terms of the standing boards. Chosen to succeed themselves on the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College were Marvin Howard of Virginia, Damon Dodd of Georgia, and Luther Gibson of Missouri. Gibson has been on the board since 1948. Ted Wilbanks of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was elected to the Board of Church Training Service, John Edwards of Dothan, Alabama, was elected to the Board of Home Missions; and added to the Board of Foreign Missions were Gene Rogers of Oxnard, California, and James Murray of Oklahoma City. O. B. Everson of Georgia remained on the Laymen's Board; Galen Dunbar of North Carolina was elected to the Sunday School Board, and Ernest Harrison of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Bill Evans of Farmington, Mo., were placed on the Board of Retirement and Insurance.

About 3000 persons attended the convention, representing six foreign countries, two territories, and about 45 states. Visitors, ministers and delegates were able to view 21 booths of displays of Christian ministries. The large exhibit hall near the auditorium provided ample space for the crowds. The Del Webb Townhouse one block from the Convention Center was the convention headquarters.

The National Association will con-

vene in Nashville next July. Officials are expecting five to eight thousand persons to attend. The 1972 convention will be in Fort Worth, Texas. Delegates this year voted to hold the 1973 meeting in Macon, Georgia.

## BIBLE COLLEGE HIRES NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF WORKERS

Free Will Baptist Bible College administrators have recently announced the employment of several new workers for the approaching school year.

Three new teachers have joined the faculty and four workers were added to offices of student supervision.

Henry Oliver, Abe Baerg, and Jerry Griffith, Jr. will be teaching this year. Mr. Oliver, an ordained Free Will Baptist preacher with 30 years of experience in the field of education, has joined the faculty as professor of English and education. He has held offices in the Nashville public school system ranging from teacher and principal to Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Baerg, who has taught voice in both high schools and college, has joined the music department. He has degrees from Tabor College and Wichita State University. Mr. Griffith from McArthur, Ohio, will teach Spanish for the Bible College. He has taught in high school and has done extensive work with the Ohio State Youth Commission.

Mrs. Bert Tippetts has been named Acting Dean of Women. She has taught women's physical education at the Bible College since 1967. She is a 1962 FWBBC graduate and wife of the school's Director of Publications. Assisting her as dormitory supervisors are Mrs. Shirley Turner and Mrs. Sandy Goodfellow. Both are Bible College alumni. Also working with students this year will be Charles Branch. Mr. Branch will be dormitory supervisor among the men in Goen Hall.



*"When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained: what is man that Thou art mindful of Him or the son of man that Thou visitest him?"* Psalm 8:3, 4

Many ask today, "Is it reasonable to believe in the existence of a living God without being able to see or hear Him?" Forgive the oversimplification when I answer flatly, "Yes." In spite of all the debates and denials of a real God which you read, convincing evidences abound. The wonder is not that people believe in God, but that they don't.

The Psalmist said he heard God's voice in the wonders of creation. *"The heavens declare the glory of God..."* Science tells us that our earth is part of a solar system that occupies an area estimated at some 7,000 million miles in diameter! However one may be it is hard to absorb that. But astronomers confound us even more when they relate that the galaxy of which our earth is a part of is but one infinitesimal member of 500 million more systems of equal or greater size!

What about the vastness of the universe? Does it tell us anything about ourselves? Does it tell us anything about God? Yes it does, for it would take a God of infinite power to create it and a God of infinite love and detail to pick, as it were, a single grain from the seashore of infinity and people it with intelligent creatures capable of knowing, loving and serving Him.

With the aid of the mighty 200-inch Hale telescope at Mt. Palomar, California, astronomers have acquired even more staggering data. There is such a density of stars 4,000 million times 6 billion miles from the earth that individual suns can scarcely be separated or distinguished. One of the largest of them, Betelgeuse, is estimated to be 400 million miles in diameter!

One of the most fantastic discoveries of astronomers is that, no matter in which direction their research is directed, the distant galaxies are all traveling away from us. The more remote the galaxy, the more rapid its rate of retreat. These star systems are moving away from us at the speed of light—186,000 miles a second! Where are they going? When will they stop? I must say with the Psalmist, *"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me... I cannot attain to it."*

Many men say they cannot accept God's greatness as fact, yet they accept the observable facts of the universe. Is it because they accept only what they want to accept? Is it because a probe of the universe upsets the program they have mapped out for their lives?

What then about the human body? The Psalmist speaks of his ingenious construction. *"I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"* (Ps. 139:14).

The eye has about a million light-sensitive rods and cones, sending impulses to the brain through 338,000 nerve cables. The ear has no less than 24,000 strings which vibrate. Compare this with a grand piano which has only 240 strings and is a million times larger than the human hearing apparatus!

# The Work Of

By Alton





# Thy Fingers

E. Loveless



The heart expands and contracts 40 million times a year and uses 400 million berrylike structures in the lungs for collecting oxygen and discharging impurities. Do you see why I say the greatest wonder of all is the person who, confronted with these facts, insists that there is no God?

It is reasonable to assume that God would want to communicate with the intricate, intelligent beings He created. Man is given certain abilities denied lesser creatures, one of which is the ability to communicate and fellowship with Him. The Holy Scriptures tells us the first man had no barrier between himself and God—until disobedience marred that relationship. The result was that Adam and his progeny became subject to decay and death. Thereafter sin passed hereditarily upon all men (Romans 5:12). But God, still mighty in mercy, opened a channel back. In the Old Testament the return was emblemized by animal sacrifices, forshadows of the coming Lamb, God's own Son, who would die on Calvary to atone for the sins of the whole world.

Centuries before Christ appeared on the earth the Greek philosopher Socrates said that if God were to ever influence the affairs of men it would be necessary for Him to become a man. God wasn't following Socrates' advice when He sent Jesus into this world; it was His well-laid plan before the foundations of the earth (Rev. 13:8).

Paul put it this way: "*But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son . . .*" (Gal. 4:4). John adds: "*The Word (Jesus) was made flesh . . .*" (John 1:14). Here we see God entering the mainstream of human life, identifying Himself with man and exemplifying Himself before man through the Person of His Son.

He established His deity by—changing water into wine; feeding more than five thousand with a small boy's lunch; walking on the water; calming storms; bringing life to the dead. The Gospels team with eye-witness accounts of the blind being given sight, the deaf hearing, the dumb speaking, and the demonic restored to rightful thinking. Even at His death a Roman centurion was moved to say, "*Truly this was the Son of God!*"

Why did Jesus have to die for us? The unamplified answer is: So God could pardon us. Ask yourself: "Has my every thought been pure, my every act for God's glory, and my every decision entirely selfless?"

Only Jesus Christ ever passed that test; that's why He came to this earth, lived up to all of God's righteous standards, and then offered Himself, a willing sacrifice on the cross, becoming a divine Substitute for a race of men that deserved to die in that place and in that manner. This is what is meant by the substitutionary work of Christ. It is God dying in our place, bearing our sins. It is God proving Himself to be not only the Creator, but also the Redeemer of mankind.

*Much of this message was gleaned from  
John D. Jess the-speaker from The Chapel of the Air.*



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# NEWSLINES

## FROM OUR CHURCHES

### PARKVIEW CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

The Parkview church of Desloge has called the Rev. Dale Underwood as pastor. Rev. Underwood for the last year has been the pastor of the O'Fallon mission. He assumed the duties of the Parkview pastorate the last of June. The Rev. John Long, a former pastor and now a member of the church, served as interim pastor after the departure of the former pastor, the Rev. Harley Brown, who has moved to Greenville, North Carolina to pastor.

### MOUNTAIN GROVE YOUTH NATIONAL C.T.S. WINNER

Dorothy Rich of Mountain Grove placed second in the Adventurers Essay contest and third in the Adventurer Declamation contest in the National C.T.S. convention in Fresno, California during the National Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Elsewhere in the Gem is a picture of the winners of the National Tic Tac Toe contest who are from the Berkeley Church.

### OAK HILL ENJOYS REVIVAL

The Oak Hill Church recently has been on an increase in attendance the last few weeks according to the reporter, Mrs. Madline McFarland. The church recently had an all day service with dinner and an afternoon singing. The church had two to rededicate their lives to Christ in their revival.

### VICTORY CHURCH BLESSED BY YOUTH CAMP

The Victory Church of Avondale is rejoicing since many of their teens who went to youth camp made decisions for Christ and dedicated their lives for service. Their were 14 who attended the teen camp while 3 of the five who attended the pre-teen camp made decisions also for Christ. The reporter, Charloote Starnes, writes, "They each came back bubbling with joy and praises. Pray for all our young people that they will retain their joy."

### DE SOTO IS STILL BLESSED RICHLY

Mrs. Sophie Ackerson always has some word of appreciation as she writes from De Soto. She states, "We are thankful for the increase this month in our attendance. We are doing real good on the building and the Lord is blessing richly."

### BERKELEY CHURCH HAS NATIONAL TIC TAC TOE WINNER



Pictured above are the winners and coach of the National Tic Tac Toe competition held in Fresno, California, July 13-16. From left to right, Ronnie Hovis, Marylyn Combs, GiGi Barks (coach), Vickie Usery, and Kent Hubbard. This team is from the First Free



Will Baptist Church of Berkeley. The pastor, Rev. Clarence Burton states: "The team and coach worked very hard in accomplishing this goal. They are to be commended. The Berkeley Church shares with them their joy in winning first place."

### FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER KILLED IN VIETNAM

Sgt. Derrell Keith Dickey, 20, was killed in action in Vietnam on July 23. According to information given the family he was killed in a combat operation when a booby trap detonated. He had been in Vietnam three months and was stationed near Bien Hoa in the First Cavalry Division.

Sgt. Dickey was born Feb. 11, 1950 at Arcadia, Kansas, the son of Elbert R. and Thelma Dickey of rural Arcadia. He was married December 30, 1969 to Miss Brenda Nichols the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cletus Nichols pastor of the Cuba Church. Rev. Dickey held membership in Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church, was a licensed minister and was pastoring the Waggoner Church near Stockton when he was called into the service on May 20, 1969. In addition to his widow, and parents, he had five sisters, Mrs. Irma Freeze, Miss Wanda Dickey, Mrs. Peggy Cook, Mrs. Judy Thayer, Mrs. Pat Venable; five Brothers, Eldon Dickey, Dean Dickey, Bill Dickey, Ronnie Dickey, and Rev. Bob Dickey. (Rev. Bob Dickey is pastor of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Archie).

### COLUMBIA MISSION BAPTISM SERVICE



Mr. Jean Cowell (left) and Miss Leslie Hear (right) followed our Lord Jesus Christ in baptism August 2, 1970. The baptism was administered by pastor J. Mark Vandivort.

### YOUNG MINISTER SEEKS PASTORATE

The Rev. Johnny Williams of Cushing, Oklahoma is seeking a place to labor for the Lord. Brother Williams states he is 23 years old and has attended F.W.B. Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee and Oklahoma Bible College in Moore. He has two years pastoral experience. The Rev. James Franklin, pastor of the Cushing, Oklahoma church has given his reference. Anyone desiring to have him for a service can write: Johnny Williams, 1446 East Main, Cushing, Okla. 74023. Phone 918-225-1344.

### CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION HAS COURSES FOR CHURCHES

The Christian Civic Foundation of St. Louis has available for schools and churches an educational program relative to the ills and dangers of Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco. Anyone wishing information can write them at 6548 Clayton Road, St. Louis, Mo. 63117.

### GENERAL-FREE WILL BAPTISTS HOLD FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The General Baptists (National convention) and the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists (Original) held a fellowship meeting in Knoxville, Tenn. on April 29-30. It is stated in the General Baptist Messenger that, "The purpose of this meeting was to explore the ways in which the two denominations could usefully work together for mutual benefit." (May 28, 1970). A missionary of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist body, the Rev. Harold Jones, is presently serving under the General Baptist Board in the Philippines with His salary and expense borne by the Free Will Baptist group.

This body of Free Will Baptists are no longer a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists after their severing sometime back. They own and operate their own printing plant, a children's home and the Mt. Olive Junior College.

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

July, 1970



South Side FWB - Lemay . . . . .	\$ 27.50
L. R. Riggs - Jennings . . . . .	100.00
Ladies Aux. - Fredericktown . . .	10.00
FWB Church - Cuba . . . . .	31.81
Overland FWB Ladies Aux. . . . .	25.00
Rev. & Mrs. William Evans . . . . .	12.00
1st FWB - Mt. Grove . . . . .	20.00
1st FWB - Mt. Grove . . . . .	13.23
1st FWB - Mt. Grove . . . . .	30.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana . . . . .	10.00
N.E. Mo. Assoc. - Kirksville . . .	10.20
Victory FWB Church . . . . .	25.68
FWB Church - Salem . . . . .	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Danlow . . . . .	5.00
1st Church - Fredericktown . . . .	20.00
1st Woman's Aux. - Monett . . . .	5.00
New Home Church - Hartville . . .	30.00
New Home Church - Hartville . . .	5.00
Leadinton FWB - Leadinton . . . .	21.00
Richwoods FWB Church . . . . .	5.00
Parkview FWB Church - Desloge . .	16.00
Macedonia FWB Church - Monett . .	50.00
Overland Ch. Steadfast Class . . .	110.00
Fellowship FWB Church . . . . .	10.00
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite . . . . .	3.00
L. R. Riggs - Jennings . . . . .	100.00
Myrtle FWB Church - Couch . . . .	5.00
FWB Church of Berkeley . . . . .	22.70
Ladies Aux. - Fredericktown . . .	10.00
Jones Chapel - Purdy . . . . .	5.00
Jones Chapel - Purdy . . . . .	5.00
Columbia FWB Church . . . . .	5.00
Co-op . . . . .	269.59
Myrtle FWB Church - Couch . . . .	5.00
Total - July . . . . .	\$1,032.71



**FOREIGN MISSION GIVING  
MONTH OF JUNE  
MISSOURI**

Cooperative Plan	490.21
Mrs. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Columbia F.W.B. Church, Columbia	8.00
Copper Mines Teen Class, Fredericktown	6.50
Anonymous	28.00
Young Married Class, Fredericktown	5.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley	147.50
First F.W.B. Church, West Plains	146.10
First F.W.B. Church, Festus	60.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd D. Aldridge	11.00
Mr. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Gateway F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	58.71
Cedar Ridge F.W.B. Youth Mtg.	23.87
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Muse, Alton	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Clay, Unionville	5.00
Anonymous	5.00
Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Cummins, Houston	10.00
Myrtle F.W.B. Church, Couch	45.75
South Side F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	192.25
Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown	70.00
First F.W.B. Church—Fredericktown	40.00
Thayer F.W.B. Church, Thayer	23.45
Mr. & Mrs. Eli F. Stephens, St. Louis	28.00
Hannon F.W.B. Church, Liberal	45.15
First F.W.B. Church, Flat River	27.00
Mrs. Alta Mikel, Greentop	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Slinkard	10.00
Belton F.W.B. Church, Belton	10.00
Hazel Creek F.W.B. Church, Kirksville	25.00
New Home F.W.B. Church, Hartsville	47.06
Garfield Sunday School, Couch	20.00
Masters Men Thayer F.W.B. Church	5.00
Farmington F.W.B. Church	223.73
Free Will Baptist Church, Salem	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Smith, Farmington	4.00
Pleasant Ridge Church, Urbana	10.00
First F.W.B. Church, Fredericktown	23.38
Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown	10.00
Columbia F.W.B. Church, Columbia	10.00
Houston F.W.B. Church, Houston	10.00
Oak Grove F.W.B. Church, Norwood	160.13
New Harmony Sunday School	61.38
First F.W.B. Church, Springfield	89.08
Rev. Tommie D. Carlson, Monett	20.00
Leadington F.W.B. Church, Leadington	91.50
Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Verdella F.W.B. Church, Liberal	10.00
Rev. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Wolf Creek Church, Mansfield	39.64
Victory F.W.B. Church, Avondale	72.25
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mt. Grove	8.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	10.00
Virgil Gaston, Springfield	10.00
New Rock Springs F.W.B. Church	27.33
First F.W.B. Church, DeSoto	31.50
First F.W.B. Church, Festus	7.42
First F.W.B. Church, Mt. Grove	59.25
Warren N. Livingston, Festus	5.00
Vernon Long, Festus	5.00
Calvary F.W.B. Church, Niangua	10.00
Happy Hill Church, Lebanon	5.00
Lloyd Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Mr. W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Low Ground Church, Novinger	5.00
Ed. Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
Central F.W.B. Church, Kansas City	12.72
Grant Ave. F.W.B. Church, Springfield	437.18
F.W.B. Youth Camp, Mt. Grove	188.50
First F.W.B. Church, Monett	9.50
Parkview F.W.B. Church, Flat River	97.00
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Flat River	260.00
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Stephens, St. Louis	35.00
Hickory Grove F.W.B. Church	17.65
Columbia F.W.B. Church, Columbia	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
Hazel Creek CTS, Kirksville	15.00
Hazel Creek F.W.B. Church	178.00

\$4,045.74



**COPPER MINES HAS  
UNUSUALLY GOOD VBS**

Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church was the scene of much activity during the week of July 13-17, 1970, at which time their Vacation Bible School was held in the evening. We enjoyed an average daily attendance of 67 with a total enrollment of 70. Our pastor, Rev. O. D. Matthews was our Director and we had four class groups.

The Children are looking forward to an even better Vacation Bible School next year.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES  
FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS 1970**

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Berkeley, St. Louis	340	342	363	344	334		
Copper Mines					95		
Desloge, Parkview	74	75	92	88	91	90	77
De Soto	72	73	105	89	87	67	73
Farmington	115	118	147		121	120	106
Fredericktown	106	119	153	139	126	128	118
Grant Ave., Springfield	173						
Hannon	43	58		63	66		
Happy Hill			61				
Hickory Grove	30	32	38	30	35	27	24
Joplin		83	86				
Koshkonong	54	86	97	87	93		
Lebanon, First	102	115	116	124	113	120	119
Meramec Heights	55	60					
Mine La Motte	19	24	43	43	49	43	41
Mt. Grove, First	210	225	263	262			252
Myrtle					66	62	
O'Fallon	52	50	61	60			
Old Bethel					27	29	
Overland, St. Louis	200	200	205				
Oak Hill				44	35	37	
Saint Joseph	34	33	41	43	34		16
Salem	27		52	43	40	33	32
Springfield, First	189	173	242	213	212		
Trinity	147	150	162	171	138		
Twin City, Festus	28	25	32	43	32		
Waynesville	55	58		68	91		
West Plains	116	129	136	138	127	118	136
Willow Springs	69	69	102	102	95	97	93
Victory	95	113	129		126		



## WOMAN'S WORLD

### WEST PLAINS

The West Plains Woman's Auxiliary met August 3 for their regular meeting with 10 members and 6 visitors present. The meeting was opened by special singing by Lounita Spears and Phylis Miller. Prayer was offered by Effie Lou Moss. Our Co-Laborer lesson, "Prayer is the Key," was a challenging lesson. It was presented as a panel discussion by Effie Lou Moss, Eyulen Daffron, Addie Adkisson, Julia Verdot, and Hattie

Sims. It was agreed to send \$10.00 to the Rev. Tommy Willey's and \$10.00 to the Rev. Earl Langley's in Independence. Our meeting closed with an altar prayer led by Ella James and Addie Adkisson.

Hattie Sims, Cor.

### BETHEL, FESTUS

On July 15, 1970, the First Free Will Baptist Church, Festus and the Twin City Free Will Baptist Church, Crystal City, joined together, as one church. The name of our new church is to be called the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Festus, Mo. (Old translation meaning—the House of God). Our two auxiliaries have joined together making one so we hope as we labor together that we may do more for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Please pray with us.

Our auxiliary met for the first meeting Aug. 4 with seven members present. We opened with prayer led by Bernice

Whitehead. Devotion was given by Sister Henderson from Psalm 46. The topics were given and discussed by Sis. Henderson, Sis. Crossland, Marilyn Black, Hazel Waymire, and Betty Black. It was voted to leave all the officers the same with one exception: Bernice Whitehead as the new Vice-president. We voted to send \$5.00 to the Wesley Calvary's in Japan. Sis. Hazel Waymire dismissed us in prayer.

Betty L. Black, Cor.

### BERKELEY

The Berkeley Woman's Auxiliary held their monthly meeting Wednesday evening July 1, 1970. The meeting was opened with prayer and the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. We discussed the State meeting and the Ladies retreat. We decided to send \$25.00 to the Billows to help purchase a washing machine. We had 13 present.

Verna Smith, Cor.

## PULPIT NEWS

### PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Alton E. Loveless from Joplin to Atlanta, Ga.  
Rev. Andy Lay from Kirksville to Joplin.  
Rev. Luther Gibson has resigned Mountain Grove.  
Rev. Ken Goff from Warrenburg Mission to First, Flat River.  
Rev. James Barker has resigned Hurryville.  
Rev. Darrell Morris from Viburnum to Hurryville.  
Rev. John Land has resigned Fouth, St. Louis to enter full-time evangelism.

#### Sept. 14.

Dinner  
Introductory Message  
Book Review  
Supper  
Message

12:00  
2:00 Dale Jones  
2:45 Clarence Burton  
5:00  
7:00 Glen Rehkop

#### Sept. 15.

Breakfast  
Devotion  
Panel Discussion

7:00  
9:00 Ervin Morton  
9:15 Jim McAllister  
Luther Gibson  
Grover Pingleton

Recess  
Devotion  
Dinner  
Devotion  
Slides

11:15  
11:30 Billy Walker  
12:00  
7:00 Glen Murray  
7:20 Dale Skiles

#### Sept. 16.

Breakfast  
Testimonial  
Message  
Dinner

7:00  
9:00 Finis Johnson  
11:00 Bud Arnold  
12:00

### MINISTER'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 14-16

#### THEME: THE ART OF SOUL WINNING



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## PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



THE CAVE SPRINGS Quarterly Meeting assembled with the First Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains July 4th with each of their twenty churches represented with delegates. They received the State-line Free Will Baptist Church, near Lanton, Missouri, into their fellowship by petitionary letter. The Rev. Clark Stephens and Bill Bales preached during the worship hour. I was given time for our Missouri Promotional program also.

Our family worshipped with the West Plains Church, Sunday morning, July 5th, where the pastor, the Rev. Dale Skiles, delivered the sermon.

Mrs. Beatty and I attended the National Association held in Fresno, California, July 12-16th. We worshipped with the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church Sunday morning and heard the Rev. Billy Melvin who brought the message. The Rev. Roy Rikard spoke in the evening service. Pastor Lonnie Rolan and his congregation served a good dinner in their church dining hall to every one present.

The Northeast Association assembled with the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church July 24-25 where Missionary Laverne Miley delivered the gospel messages for the entire session. Plenty of time was given for our Missouri Promotional program as well. Pastor Archie Cooper and the church did a fine job hosting the Association. Sunday morning July 26th I delivered the sermon in the Low Ground Free Will Baptist Church where Pastor Kermit

Crook and the church gave an offering to the Missouri Co-operative fund. The same Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in our Columbia Mission. Rev. Mark Vandivort reports an adult man and wife were saved recently and some young people also. They all joined the mission church which constantly supports the co-operative plan of giving and other missionary programs.

On July 30th I attended one day of the Central Western Association held at the Verdella Church. Rev. Rufus Coffey, our National Executive-Secretary from Nashville, Tennessee, was the guest minister for the entire meeting. I was given time to explain the co-operative program which most of their churches support. This meeting was saddened by the death of Rev. Keith Dickey, age 20, who was killed in the United States Army, July 23, in Vietnam. His body was flown to Lamar, Mo. and was in state there three days. We extend our Christian sympathies to these families. We warn AMERICA with the scripture, Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

Our commendations to the eighty churches participating in the Co-operative plan of support. We exceeded our goal and received \$54,352.93. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

## JULY COOPERATIVE RECEIPT 1970

Gray Summit	9.66
Granby	15.24
Mill Creek	88.13
Parkview	108.78
Myrtle	172.12
Victory	181.63
Fredericktown	447.15
Cedar Ridge	69.58
St. Joseph	21.06
Mt. Grove	175.76
Byrd	10.00
Pleas. Hill	10.00
Viburnum	50.15
Royal Oaks	20.71
Berkeley	307.99
Grace	242.83
New Harmony S.S.	9.13
Pleas. Ridge	18.30
New Home	23.00
Fourth	149.69
Warrensburg	35.90
Mt. Pisgah	25.00
Salem	20.00
Hannon	55.35
Beacon	137.30
New Rock Springs	36.24
Thayer	48.97
Alton	14.00
Mtn. Valley	93.74
Garfield	13.32
Olivet	120.00
Cabool	38.37
Cabool	28.27
Merls Chapel	27.99
Trinity	130.00
DeSoto	70.40
Marshfield	8.23
Columbia	29.85
Hurryville	317.34
Hickory Grove	17.70
Aulsbury Chapel	88.46
Copper Mines	60.00
Meramec Heights	138.83
Lebanon First	266.00
Monett First	125.02
Richwoods	160.31
Waynesville	114.70
Verdella	34.40
Farmington	178.47
Jones Chapel	30.00
Pleasant Home	53.53
Mine La Motte	17.48
First F.W.B. West Plain	63.00
Parkview	129.19
Low Ground	10.00
Fellowship	50.00
Hurryville	94.80
New Harmony S.S.	7.67
St. Joseph	17.56
Rock Chapel	25.77
Central Kansas City	120.00
Grant Ave.	227.20
Willow Springs	62.13
Mt. Grove	167.61
South Side	164.00
Beacon	116.75
Total July Receipts	5921.76
Disbursed:	
1.00% Mo. Superannuation	59.21
1.50% Mo. CTS & Sunday S.	88.87
4.00% Gem	236.86
4.00% Mo. Youth Camp	236.86
7.75% General Fund	458.93
16.00% Mo. Promotional	947.48
18.00% Mo. Missions	1065.91
47.75% Free Will Baptist	
National Assoc.	2827.64
100% Disbursed	\$5921.76