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Personal from the Editor



THE CHRISTMAS SEASON is upon us. In fact, in most towns of any size it has confronted us since Halloween. I can recall when the general public was shocked at the appearance of Christmas commercialization immediately after Thanksgiving. Times may change; emphasis may be misplaced; but the basic principle shall always remain the same: Jesus, the Son of God, came to dwell among men. May we who claim Christ keep this first in our minds and hearts.

The commercialization of Christmas has caused many to forget the Person whose birthday we celebrate. Caused them to forget that the adoration of men of low estate and high, and the singing of praise—these simple things—are still just as important and still just as much in place in the 20th century as they were at the birth of the first century.

Permit me to borrow from the words of another to express my Christmas wish to you.

I salute you: There is nothing I can give you which you have not; but there is much, that, while I cannot give you, you can take . . .

No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today . . . Take Heaven . . .

No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in the present. Take Peace . . .

The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it, yet within our reach is joy. Take Joy . . .

There is radiance in the darkness, could we but see—and to see we have only to look. I beseech you to look. Take Radiance . . .

Life is so full of meaning and purpose, so full of beauty—beneath its covering—that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven. Courage then to claim it, that is all! But courage you have, and the knowledge that we are pilgrims together, wending through unknown country home.

And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you . . . with profound esteem and with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks, and the shadows flee away.

This Christmas greeting written by Fra Giovanni in the year 1513 still expresses what I feel to be the epitome of Christmas: The hope, joy, and peace of heart and mind that Jesus brings. That peace, that joy, that hope is my Christmas wish to you.

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What Do You Want For Christmas?

(Romans 12:6-12)

WHAT DO YOU WANT for Christmas? The answers which people will give to this question depend upon their wants, their fears, their hopes, their aspirations. A good many of us will say, "I want to be home for Christmas." The soldier far from home and loved ones might say, "I want a discharge." The man at the factory or office might say, "I want a promotion." The man with a sick child will say, "I want help for my child." The man with great inner tensions will say, "I want peace and relaxation." This list could go on forever, of course.

In Old Testament times, God didn't have to ask His faithful servants what they wanted most for Christmas. Abraham wanted the time to come quickly, when from his seed the Messiah would be born. Isaiah wanted the time to come quickly, when "the Righteous One" would lead His flock like a shepherd. These men knew what they wanted, and God knew what they wanted. In His own time, loving as He does the world of men, God satisfied this yearning when the fullness of time had come, God gave His Christmas Gift to the world: His Son, Christ.

To evaluate this Gift and to cherish it properly, we cannot separate God's giving at Christmas from the giving on Good Friday and Easter. God knew that in spite of the wants and yearnings of men for fellowship with Him, still His Son would be despised and rejected of men and at their hands would become the Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief. Not just the Baby in the manger, but the Man on the Cross—He was God's Christmas Gift to man. And each Christmas we stop to rejoice in both the Gift and the Giver.

But Christ is not the only Gift which God offers us, now is Christ the only Gift which God wants us to ask for. He wants us to seek also a wide variety of gifts which are appropriate for a soul which has already been given the Gift of a Savior.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that even as God has given us the greatest Gift of all, His own Son, He certainly feels free to give us many other gifts of a lesser nature. God is pleased when we ask Him for blessings which complement our faith in the great Gift which he has given us. Paul displays to us a choice of gifts which we may well ask for. And what better time to do so than at Christmas? We would not all ask for the same gifts. Our selections will vary, depending upon our needs.

Now these gifts the Apostle enumerates—which of them do you want most for Christmas? Would you, like Paul, like to understand yourself and your actions better? Paul says that he cannot understand himself; he cannot understand why he sometimes fails to do the very things he loves, and finds himself often doing the very things he hates. Would you, like Paul, like to understand yourself and your behavior and thus be prepared to improve the quality of your life? If so, you might turn to verse 16 of our scripture and ask God for wisdom about yourself, so that you need not be "wise in your own conceits."

Do you sometimes feel dishonest? Do you ever feel like a hypocrite? Then turn to verse 9 and ask God for the gift of genuine love. You may want to qualify this and to say, "Let me love my wife better than I do; let me love my children better than I do; let me love my friends better than I do. Let me be honest in all my behavior toward those people whom I want to love."

Are you sometimes depressed and discouraged? A gift that you might well ask for is to be found in verse 12—the gift to be able to rejoice in hope. Rejoicing in your hope implies a more joyful and sustaining faith. It implies looking not only to the present but to the future as well. It conveys a reassuring thought concerning those who have gone before into death. It implies the delight for reuniting with them again in our Father's house. To ask for this joy is to ask for some thing good for Christmas.

Have you been feeling sorry for yourself this past year? Or perhaps feeling a bit rebellious because as you see it, God has not treated you as well as He has treated your neighbor? Has someone gotten a promotion you wanted? Has someone gotten the assignment you desired? Has illness plagued you or your family? Are you a bit angry with both God and man about this? A wonderful gift for Christmas would be patience and the wisdom it teaches.

Have you from time to time this year felt guilty about your private and public worship? Have you felt you did not always worship with the heart? Have you felt you have been negligent in sustaining and improving your faith? Ask the Lord to help you be "instant in prayer." Ask Him to give you that discipline of mind and heart which true worship of God requires. This is an excellent gift.

Being a part of the twentieth century society imposes problems that it seems the world has never before experienced. Perhaps we should ask for gifts which have to do with meeting the unusual needs and the human relationships of our times. What can we do about Paul's exhortation: "Outdo one another in showing honor." This is not always easy to do. What do we do about the divine guidance which says: "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly?" Obviously, ours is a constant need to have skill in creating and managing human relationships that are true, and right, and just. Would this not be a good gift for which to ask? Jesus, in His teachings and by example, has this gift to give us. He himself developed it in a spectacular degree.

An important factor in our salvation is that our Lord, the Creator of human life, came to share the human life after it had become tainted and sickened with sin. He rejoiced with a Roman captain in whom He had found faith greater than any which He had found in Israel. He wept with Martha and Mary at their brother's grave. He was sorrowful when the rich young ruler left Him. He wants to share this gift with us too; to help us rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep. Paul knew this isn't easy. To rejoice with the man who has received honor may remind us too much of our own failures, or of the failures of others toward us. To weep with those who weep means trying to understand another man's problems and miseries. To rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep requires that we will be alert and sensitive to our fellow human beings, no matter who or what they are. In a sense, it means that we have to become their servants. This is a splendid gift to ask for—so splendid that few men really possess it.

Paul suggests another gift—the ability to forgive. This is particularly appropriate at Christmas time when we remember that to win forgiveness for us was Christ's primary purpose in coming. In the past, our nation has forgiven its former enemies and has tried to help them. But national forgiveness and individual forgiveness are two different things. As Christian citizens of a nominally Christian nation, we may well ask for the gift to forgive. Our fellowship with Christ, the Christmas Savior, can never be complete until we learn to forgive as He did. The gift can be a deceptive one, as Jesus Himself reminds us. He tells us that forgiveness cannot be mere formality; it must be from the heart. Christ came to work out man's forgiveness and to plead with men to accept it. He also pleads with men to accept and to exercise the Christlike ability to forgive.

We have not exhausted the catalog of God's gifts. There are many more. Choose from them those which you think are the most important to you, those which meet your needs which Paul titles *victory*. He says, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Jesus came, not only to give us the victory over death and the grave. He came also to help us lead victorious lives—lives which are not overcome by the evil of the world but which overcome the evil with good. Ask for victory in your daily living.

All of these gifts which Paul lists are excellent ones, but none of them would be fully available to us, and none of them would have any true meaning for us if Christ had not first given Himself to us. That He came—we remember especially at Christmas. That He keeps on coming with an endless supply of the gifts of life we dare never forget—ever!

proof #2



Pam Robertson is a junior in the Mountain Grove High School and a member of the New Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church. Pam serves as Youth Leader in her church's C.T.S. and is a member of its Bible Bowl team. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Robertson. Fred Wood, Jr. is her pastor. Her statement of faith and concern is submitted as proof # 2.

As a teenager, it seems I have a new problem arising in my life every day. What kind of decisions should I make? Now is the time when what I do or what I say really counts. The decisions I make now will either make or break my life in the future.

How I use my few talents, where I go, and everything I do should always be influenced by the idea: "Am I keeping myself pure and strong in God's eyes?" "Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:20)

I am attracted by the phrase I sometimes hear "Live each moment as though it was your last." I'm sure most of us do not go by this phrase, but wouldn't it be wonderful if we did? Our lives as Christians would be so full of God's love and grace we wouldn't have any problems to keep us from having God as the center of our lives. We would be a guiding light to all wherever we went.

At school, to me it's very hard. We touch so many people's lives; we being either a stepping stone to them, or a stumbling block. I wonder, how many times we are a stumbling block to even a close friend? We should remember Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Think about it!

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In Action

The C.T.S. of the Monett First Free Will Baptist Church sponsored a Halloween party Monday evening, October 26. Approximately 80 members and friends attended and had a very enjoyable time. Prizes were given for the funniest costume, several games were played, with the highlight of the program being a skit given by Helen McAllister. All spooks present enjoyed the refreshments served by the ladies of the church.

The dramatic presentation "No Tomorrow" expressing the need for man to think seriously about living for Christ today was presented by the Trinity C.T.S. The October 25 presentation under the direction of Miss Judy Dessler, was in every way a success. The young people of the cast as well as the all important behind-the-scenes people are to be commended on a job well done. The dramatic presentation is certainly an excellent means of relating the gospel that is all too seldom used.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mission Association C.T.S. Youth Rally was hosted November 21, by the Willow Springs Church. Five Bible Bowl teams—Willow Springs, Pleasant Home, New Rock Springs, Rock Chapel, and Lebanon—competed for the honor of being first place winner. The Rock Chapel team was the successful contender. Other than the five C.T.S. groups represented in the competition, Mt. Pisgah, Mtn. Valley, and Grant Avenue had Youth Representatives present for the Organizational meeting of the Youth Congress. Steve Hopkins, Mtn. Valley, was elected president with Steve Millsap, Willow Springs, as vice-president. The Constitution and By-laws committee was appointed to have a workable constitution and by-laws ready for presentation at the next regular meeting to be held with the Mtn. Valley Church on January 16, 1971.

What has your C.T.S. been doing? Why not tell us about it?

News from Our Colleges

BIBLE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

The Reverends Ralph Hampton, Ben Scott, and Gordon Sebastian will be the featured speakers at Free Will Baptist Bible College's 28th annual Bible Conference, the school's administrators recently announced. The Conference will be held on the Bible College's Nashville campus March 14-18, 1971.

Hampton is a native of Oklahoma and an instructor in Bible and Christian Education at the Bible College. Scott, a member of the school's Board of Trustees, is pastor of the First FWB Church of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Sebastian is a 1959 FWBBC alumnus and pastors the Peace FWB Church in Wilson, North Carolina.

Through the years the College's annual Bible Conference has grown in popularity. Crowds in recent years have exceeded 1,000 persons. Anyone desiring additional information on the conference should write:

Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

BIBLE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PLANS SECOND LAYMEN'S RALLY

Plans for a national laymen's rally to be held at Free Will Baptist Bible College on February 19 have been announced by Evangelist Jack Paramore, Director of the school's Office of Development. The rally will be held on the fifth anniversary of the first laymen's

rally that kicked off the current Bible College expansion campaign.

"One of our hopes in the Development Program is to get our leading laymen tied to what we are doing," Paramore says. While letters inviting specific laymen are being sent across the country, Paramore stressed that all Free Will Baptist laymen will be welcomed to the meeting.

The purpose of the rally will be to share with the laymen the school's plan for further expansion and enlist their help in carrying the burden for an improved Bible College to their churches and friends.

Anyone wishing to attend the rally should make reservations by writing the Bible College, in care of the Office of Development.

83 ON BIBLE COLLEGE HONOR ROLL

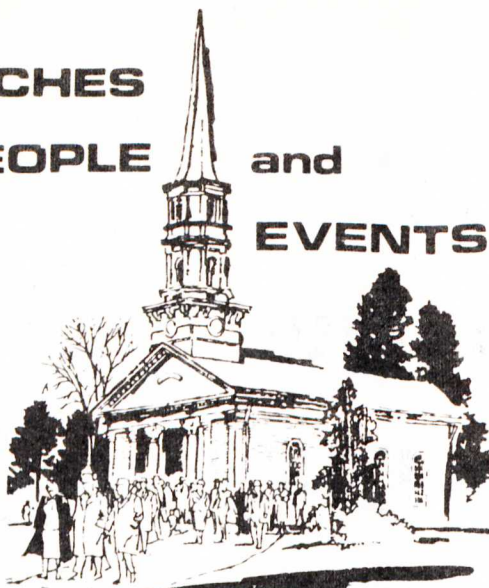
Of the 83 Free Will Baptist Bible College students currently on the Honor Roll five Missourians appear on the "B" Honor Roll. Those meeting the necessary requirements are: Eddie Vincent, Senior; Stephanie Vincent, Junior; Gary Matthews, Judy Hovis, and Joyce Thomas, Sophomores; with no Missourians in the Freshman group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTER

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Copper Mines	95	93	
DeSoto			82
Farmington		119	121
Fredericktown, First			137
Hurricane		87	87
Lebanon, First			173
Mill Creek			44
Mine LaMotte			38
Parkview			108
St. Joseph, First		38	34
Salem			32
Trinity			148
West Plains, First			147
Willow Springs	93	96	101

CHURCHES

PEOPLE and EVENTS



Because of a very great contribution to the Free Will Baptist work in the state of Missouri the GEM sidesteps an accepted policy and gladly prints this Memorial Notice of one who won the hearts of many because he loved the Lord so well.

"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

On Oct. 8, 1970, Rev. W.T. Turnbough, (better known as Bill) after a brief illness, departed this life at the age of 47 years. He is survived by his wife, Elva, and son, David of Perry, Florida; his eldest son, Ted of Valdosa, Georgia; his mother, Mrs. Grace Turnbough of Potosi, Missouri; two sisters; Wilma Brakefield, and Mariam Willhite of St. Louis, Missouri.

Bill was a veteran of World War II. His ambulance corp. was the first to set foot on Normandy Beach on that historical D-Day. While driving an ambulance, surrounded by fighting and bombs, he promised God to serve Him if He'd bring him safely home.

It took the words of a dear Aunt to help the Holy Spirit to unlock the closed door of his heart and bring him face to face with God of his promises. So, in the fall of 1947, shortly before the birth of his first son, he came back to God.

He united with the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley City, Mo., and it was here that he surrendered to the call of the gospel ministry.

Bill started a mission in March 1953, which today is the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo. He pastored Free Will Baptist Churches in Leadington, Mo.; Sesser and Chicago Heights, Ill.; Wichita, Kansas; Pleasant View, Tenn.; Eau Gallie, and Perry, Florida, where he was pastoring the St. John's Free Will Baptist Church at the time of his death.

It has been said that, "Sickness brings out the best or the worst in a person." Those who had the privilege of being near Bill in his last hours will surely agree that the messages he preached by his patience, love, and concern for the welfare of others surely equals any message he had ever delivered from the sacred pulpit.

Less than a week before his death he told this writer that the only thing he asked of the Lord, was that his boys would serve the Lord, and his wife would be taken care of.

His last words to his dear wife were, "I am finished . . . Let's go home." They somehow remind me of the final words of His blessed Saviour, "It is finished."

I want to encourage every God-called minister to preach the Word just a little harder, and be just a little more faithful. Be "a vessel to honour." (II Tim. 2:20.) Bill is gone, but the Bible he preached, and the God he loved still lives on.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to every one who has reached out loving hands in any way to the family at this time. May God reward you.

*Submitted by a sister,
Mrs. Mariam Willhite*

PASTORS NEEDED!!

The Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church is seeking for "a dedicated man of God to act as a shepherd to the small flock" who meets there. Reed Smith, Route 2, Liberal, Missouri 64762, Phone: 417-843-5552; or Ronnie Dickey, Route 2, Arcadia, Kansas, Phone: 417-843-5733, may be contacted relative to this need.

The Neosho Church requests the *GEM* to make Missouri Free Will Baptists aware of their need for a pastor. Will you join them in prayer for a man to "fill the gap"? The church may be contacted at the following address: Neosho Free Will Baptist Church; Route 2, Box 46; Neosho, Missouri 64850. May God speak to that man he would have lead this people.

Stan Neher was the author of last month's *proof* # 1. His picture was late in arriving so is appearing late. A high school senior, Stan serves as Secretary to the Mission Association C.T.S. Board. This seems like C.T.S. truly serving its purpose. We would encourage pastors to help us prove that there are still young men and women standing for God. Send in a *proof* # from your church with a photograph.



The Cool Valley Free Will Baptist Church of Moultrie, Georgia has called Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer as pastor of their church.

Rev. Hesselmeyer graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in June and is a former member of the First Church of Berkeley, Missouri. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hesselmeyer of St. Charles, Missouri.

Rev. James McAllister was evangelist in revival services held at the Willow Springs Church, October 19-24. Dora Fry, Church Clerk reports that the church was made to rejoice as they saw the altar filled with people seeking the Lord. The Lord also worked through Dennis Holt, a Christian organization worker on the University of Missouri at Rolla campus, as he spoke on Youth Night. His challenge was answered by a young man coming for rededication. We can all rejoice with Brother Bud Hill and his church as the spirit of revival continues to work in their services.

October 18 was the annual Homecoming at the Mill Creek Church. Guest singers, The Baxter Family from Corn- ing, Arkansas, a local quartet, and a girls singing group from the church presented an afternoon of music to a recordbreak- ing attendance. Mill Creek also hosted the Madison County Sunday School Convention, October 25. Nine Sunday schools were present to participate in the program. Belle Coffey, Church Re- porter, reports a wonderful time in the Lord and requests your prayers for the church as they look forward to revival services. Rev. Truman Huffman is pas- tor.

We are happy to include Twin Oaks Church among those who have been enjoying the blessings of God through revival. Rev. Charles Miller served as evangelist and fearlessly preached the word. Myrtle Miller, Reporter, expresses the church's desire to be used of God and requests your prayer for the congrega- tion.

Evangelist Johnnie Land was with Brother Bob Dickey and his congrega- tion in revival services October 21-29. Brother Dickey reports that the church was greatly blessed and uplifted by the word of God. We rejoice with them at the news of 1 first-time decision for Christ and 8 rededicating their lives to God. Brother Bob and his congregation highly recommend Brother Land.

Revival services were held at the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church of Seymour, Missouri, October 4-21. That the spirit of Revival was in the hearts of the people was confirmed by three first time decisions, fourteen rededications, and one young man announcing his call to the ministry. Brother Bill Swerengin was God's speaker for these services. Lela Cornelison, Church Reporter, also writes that six were baptized, Sunday, November 1. The church hopes to have their building project of three Sunday School rooms completed soon. Rev. Lester Davis is the Pastor.

Church Reporter, Michele Halliroom, of the Hurryville Church reports the close of their revival, November 7. The pastor, Rev. Darrel Morris, preached for this series of services. The Hurryville congregation are working hard for the Lord and being much blessed. Twenty- six decisions have been made in their altars during the past two months. Four have been baptized and four added to the church. There shall still be "showers of blessings."

THANK YOU, AND PLEASE:

Thank you for the way many of the churches have been sending in news. The *GEM* can only print that you send in, so please continue to send the news of your church. Many churches still need to write. We would like to include something about every Free Will Baptist Church in the state. Everybody enjoys hearing what you are doing for God and how He is blessing you.

"DALE JONES' APPRECIATION DAY AT CENTRAL"

Members and friends gathered on Saturday, August 29th for a special celebration—"The 1st Annual Dale Jones' Appreciation Day" at our Church.

We feel truly blessed to have had Dale, Farron, Beth, and David Jones at Central Church for the past year and plan to make this an annual celebration.

Much building has been accomplish- ed during this year—both spiritually and structurally.

"The Good News Trio" provided special music and refreshments were served. A good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all those present.



Borrowed from the *Trinity Newsletter*. Thank you Brother Spurgeon.

I HELPED MY CHURCH TO LIVE! I WAS THERE! My presence helped. I didn't join the church to stay away from it. I was there!

I HELPED MY CHURCH TO LIVE! I PAID MY WAY! I didn't let others pay my way any more than I permit them to buy my clothes, feed my children or pay my taxes. I paid my way!

I HELPED MY CHURCH TO LIVE! I PRAYED FOR MY CHURCH! I want every blessing and grace and health and power for my church. "For her my prayers ascend." I pray for her as naturally as I do for my dearest ones. I prayed for my church!

I HELPED MY CHURCH TO LIVE! I LOVE MY CHURCH! I protect her good name—this is my church family. If there is something I can do to help her carry out her mission, no matter how small the task, I am willing and faithful to do my best. I helped my church, for I love my church!

FOREIGN MISSIONS NEWS

Bill Fulcher has been actively involved in itinerary work. He participated in services in California prior to being called home because of his wife's illness. He plans to participate in the missions conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, November 22-24. Pray that both Bill and Glenda will be strengthened as they await the birth of their fifth child.

Carlisle Hanna requests special prayer for Chulhai, a man who has taken care of the mission property in Sonapurhat for several years. A relative of his, Bharosi, was recently saved and baptized. Culhai allowed the devil to use him as the leader of a band of non-Christians who opposed the baptism. He has since shown signs of softening and has admitted he did and said things he should not have. Pray that Bharosi will be a witness that many more, including Culhai, will be lead to Christ.

Jim and Olena McLain report very good services in Sapporo, Japan. Olena teaches English at a local university and asks that prayer be offered that she will be able to fulfill the spreading of Christ's Kingdom through effective witness in her classes.

Dr. LaVerne Miley is participating in a medical seminar in Denver, Colorado. He is also scheduled to take part in the missions conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College later this month.

Missouri's 1970 quota for gifts to foreign missions is \$42,000.00. Gifts received through October 30 total \$42,071.19. Already over the set goal! Congratulations, thank you, and keep up the good work.

Ed. Note: Brother Harry Beatty says, "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Dear Friends,

It has been some time since we have taken the opportunity to share with you news of our work here in Minnesota. Please permit me to take a few moments of your time to bring you up to date on what God has been doing here in St. Paul.

Miss Sue May spent the summer with us serving as a summer missionary. Miss May, from Arkansas and a Senior at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, worked primarily with boys and girls in this area. She held a number of 5-Day Bible Clubs in the back yards of this inner city area. She shared with them the "Good News" of Christ in song and flannelgraph stories. Many of these boys and girls came to know Christ as personal Saviour. Her ministry in this area had an impact for God that will long be remembered. We appreciate the Allen Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Salado, Arkansas, for their complete financial support of Miss May's ministry in this area.

During the summer we were also able to have in our church a Daily Vacation Bible School. Randy and Jo Ann Ruth were in charge of the VBS which saw an average attendance of 37 with 9 decisions for Christ. Many of the boys and girls in this area were in church for the very first time in their lives. Pray for them.

In the month of August we were able to have Brother Lester Horton of Fairfax Station, Virginia, to serve as an evangelist for five nights. During the revival meeting we saw two rededications to Christ and baptized one. We thank God for Brother Horton's ministry in the revival.

Late in the summer we were able to organize our church with 17 charter members. Brother Francis Boyle was in charge of this service, and we appreciate his ministry. We also voted a \$20,000 bond issue to purchase this property. Brother Boyle, of Executive Church Bonds, directed this program. As a result of a lot of hard work before the program, we were able to place all of the bonds by the first night of the program. By the time you receive this letter we will have signed the papers closing the deal on this property. To God be the glory for great things He has done.

All in all it has been a busy summer with the attendance averaging nearly 30

every Sunday. I am sure the devil is not pleased with this progress and will work even stronger to hinder this work. WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!

Thank you for being faithful to give and pray. May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Francis Family

P.S. We still need at least \$500 for closing cost and lawyers fees incurred during the purchase of this property. If you could give a special offering, we would appreciate it. Send your offering to the *Robert Francis Building Fund Account* and mail to: Board of Home Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

P.P.S. Please give sincere attention to the above need. Homer E. Willis, General Director

NATIONAL HOME MISSION GIVING

Fredericktown Woman's Aux . . .	\$10.00
South Side, St. Louis	27.50
Rev. & Mrs. William Evans	6.00
Northeast Missouri Assoc.	18.00
Missouri FWB Book Store	2.00
Jones Chapel C.T.S.	5.00
First Church, Salem	10.00
Victory	24.57
First Church, Fredericktown	40.00
First Church, Fredericktown	5.00
Central, Kansas City	11.44
New Home	30.00
Mrs. Venice Long	5.00
Leadington	21.00
First Church, Mtn. Grove	35.63
Olivett	14.00
Farmington, Fellowship Class	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Denton	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Ruble	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Barr	5.00
Missouri Cooperative Plan	345.41
Myrtle	5.00
First Church, Farmington	20.00
Jones Chapel C.T.S.	5.00
TOTAL	\$670.55
TOTAL TO DATE	\$9,443.22
BALANCE ON QUOTA	\$5,556.78

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the lovely name of Christ. We trust these few lines find you well. We are about to get back to normal again.

Martha got married and, of course, is gone. The day she married and left home, the children, all 3, cried until 2 o'clock in the morning. Me—well, after 10 years of help, I'm wrestling to keep up all my work. On top of it all, Arthur is gone, but we will finally get use to it, I guess.

We received your gift; may God bless each of you, is our prayer. We plan to begin construction on the Second Free Will Baptist Church here in Monterrey. We have the lot and it is paid for. The report for last week-end was that the place where services are being conducted, was filled. All were adults and some children. Please continue to pray. We plan to start with \$1,000.00 dollars. Since this is in the city, we will have to build to city regulations. The initial cost will be about \$5,000.00. So do continue to pray that every detail and need will be worked out.

Unless God leads in another way, we plan our next work to be in the city of Puebla. This is the 4th largest city of Mexico and we have two former students living there. They want us to send a worker and open a church there.

God has opened many doors of opportunity for the work. We are moving as fast as we can.

Do remember to pray for Arthur. The last 3 weeks he has been very tired. I can't get him to slow down. I am afraid he is going to break down if he doesn't take it easy.

Again thanks so much for your gift. May God richly bless you and return to you a hundred fold.

Love In Him,
Arthur, Janell & family



**Missouri State
Home Mission Giving
September 5—November 5,
(two months report)**

Columbia Church	3.83
Central Church	32.50
New Rock Springs Church	41.82
Hurryville Church	25.00
Coppermines Church	12.00
Twin Oaks Church	7.00
First Church Waynesville	20.55
O'Fallon Church	10.00
Parkview Church	30.00
Farmington Church	88.05
Union Church	8.00
Cuba Church	10.00
First Church DeSoto	24.00
Hannon Church	82.39
Bruce Presley	17.50
Grace Church	14.00
Verdella Church	9.04
Myrtle Church	33.32
Victory Church	113.95
Fellowship Church	71.00
Grant Avenue Church	31.25
Berkeley Church	50.00
First Church Flat River	34.00
Olivet Church	31.00
Union Church	6.00
Belton Church	5.00
New Harmony Church	7.00
Mine LaMotte Church	20.00
Fourth Church	53.00
Alton Church	17.80
Calvary Church	3.50
Union Light Church	30.00
Low Ground Church	10.00
Leadington Church	4.00
Rock Chapel Church	27.50
Sept. Coop. Receipts	925.23
First Church West Plains	133.50
Braxine Evans	15.00
First Church Monett	75.00
First Church Mt. Grove	13.62
First Church St. Joe.	20.45
Oct. Coop. Receipts	1013.42

\$3179.63

Thanks to all who gave to Home Missions.
Because of the illness and home-going of my brother-in-law, Rev. Bill Turnbough, I was unable to get a report out last month.

**Bible College Approves
ETTA Courses
For College Credit**

In a recent policy statement issued by Dean, Charles A. Thigpen of the Free Will Baptist Bible College it was announced that college credit would be allowed for ETTA courses taught by holders of the ETTA Teachers Diploma.

The stipulations for such transfer of credit are as follows:

1. The ETTA Courses must be taught by those who have earned the ETTA Teachers Diploma from Free Will Baptist Bible College or one of the member schools of ETTA.
2. The student must present to the College a registered Credit Card signifying completion of each ETTA course.
3. The student must meet all basic enrollment requirements and satisfactorily complete one semester (at least twelve semester hours) as a full-time student before he will be given credit for ETTA Courses.
4. Three Semester hours will be allowed for the Preliminary Certificate Course and Three Semester hours will be allowed for the Advanced Certificate Course for a total of Six Semester hours.

According to H.D. Harrison, Director of Teacher Training for the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, this means that any person earning ETTA credit cards on the local church level under the instruction of a holder of the ETTA Teachers Diploma is eligible for transfer of such credit according to the above provisions. This applies to courses already completed as well as those to be completed. Any present or future holder of the ETTA Teachers Diploma is eligible to teach such courses for credit which may be later transferred as college credit. This will enable a *prospective* Bible College student to earn six semester hours of credit subject to his enrollment and completion of at least 12 semester hours at the Bible College.

This should become a strong impetus to the nearly 400 Free Will Baptist ETTA Diploma Holders to teach such courses on the local church, community

and institute level throughout our denomination.

This does not prohibit any pastor or certified layman from teaching these courses for *ETTA credit* subject to

previously published standards. Any *ETTA* courses taught for credit on any level must be reported to the Sunday School Department in order for credit cards to be issued.

Inquiries should be directed to H.D. Harrison, Director of Teacher Training, Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Winners
of
**"LIVING
IS ...
MAKING
HIM
KNOWN"**
Sunday School
Fall Enlargement
Campaign

More Free Will Baptist churches participated in this campaign than any previous one. The increases in attendance also set new records. The net increase in average attendance of those churches reporting was 28%. The increases listed represent the percent of increase over the April, May, June average attendance in 1970.

Div.	Church	April June Avg.	Camp. Avg.	Increase
First Place Winners				
A, B	No increases reported among entrants			
C	Grace—Greenville, N.C.	322	338	4.9%
D	Hilltop—Fuquay, N.C.	210	304.25	44.8%
E	South Avenue—Lancaster, S.C.	160	220.25	37.6%
F	First—Lebanon, Mo.	117	223	90.5%
G	Campbell—Campbell, Ca.	81	139	71.6%
H	North Amarillo—Amarillo, Tex.	17.5	44.1	152 %
Second Place Winners				
A, B	No increases reported Among entrants			
C	Collinswood—Portsmouth, Va.	363	379	4.4%
D	Woodbine—Nashville, Tenn.	222	299.25	34.7%
E	Sherwood—El Sobrante, Ca.	169	230.50	36.3%
F	South Side—Darlington, S.C.	100	137	37 %
G	Faith—Rockingham, N.C.	61	93	52.4%
H	Yuba—Yuba, Ca.	34	70	105 %

Appropriate plaques are being awarded to first and second place winners in each division. There seems to be an increased interest in the use of such national contests to increase enrollments and challenge greater participation of Sunday school personnel.

Details will be released soon on the national *March To Sunday School In March* Spring Campaign.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST WINNERS

Ed. Note: Congratulations Lebanon! The Lord continue to bless you as you work for Him.

Woman's World



tiful candlelight service. Those charged with the responsibility were: President, Pauline Davis; Vice-president, Elaine Crawford; Recording Secretary, Daisy Harper; Corresponding Secretary, Betty Simmons; Treasurer, Jean Crawford; Study Course Chairman, Francis Bowman; Personal Service Evangelism Chairman, Ruth Palmer; Missions Chairman, Minnie Thomas. The first Thursday of each month was scheduled as meeting date. The initial membership was 14.



Mrs. Eunice Edwards, nationally known Woman's Auxiliary worker held a two evening workshop with the Mountain Grove Woman's Auxiliary September 21 and 22. The program emphasis was Christian living using Dr. Clyde M. Narramore's book *This Way to Happiness* as a basis for the presentations. Auxiliary members totaling approximately 100 from Willow Springs, Springfield, and Cabool joined with the Mountain Grove ladies in these very profitable study sessions.



The Bethel Woman's Auxiliary met for their monthly meeting November 3, with 10 members present. The Thanksgiving theme of "Fruits of Gratitude" was introduced by singing "Count Your Blessings". Each member will observe pre-season prayer at nine o'clock each morning and maintain an offering box for depositing coins each meal as a reminder of the millions that are lost and need to hear about Jesus. Mrs. Jeweldean Adams was happily welcomed as a new member. Another demonstration of the Lord moving in the church. The spirit of the Lord has been felt in a very real way in each service of the church. A definite answer to prayer. Each reader is encouraged to join with the church and auxiliary to pray that souls will be won to God's kingdom.



The Women's Fellowship of Central Church, Kansas City, unanimously approved the organization of an Auxiliary at their August meeting. A nominating Committee was appointed and officers for the remainder of this term were chosen. Candlelight installation services dedicated the pictured officers: President, Mrs. Fern Caskey; Vice president, Mrs. Margaret Starnes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ginger Short; Missions Action Chairman, Mrs. Audrey Bigelow; Missions Study Chairman, Mrs. Katherine Barcliff; Missions Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Mona Hoyt.

Organ music of mission songs provided a background for the installation service with Mrs. Yvonne Sloan giving the charge. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the service.

Belonging to an auxiliary is a privileged responsibility. As Christians, we know God has much for each of us to

do. We feel there is much He would have us do as an auxiliary also. We are thankful for the privilege of serving as collaborators in the mission fields of God.



"Fruits of Gratitude" served as the theme for the November 2 meeting of the West Plains Woman's Auxiliary. Evelyn Daffron, Program Chairman, directed the thoughts of the group through a very effective program. Reports were given by those who were privileged to attend District Meeting. Other business included: sending \$10.00 to the Willey, Jr. Family, \$10.00 to the Wendell Walley's of Greenfield, Missouri, Youth Camp discussed as our yearly project and reports of the committees.



Mrs. Lucille Beatty met with the ladies of the Olivet Church, Marshall, Missouri, to aid them in organizing a Woman's Auxiliary. The October 13 meeting served as an introduction to the Auxiliary through presentation of its history and purpose. The Constitution and By-laws were accepted and Officers elected. Sunday, October 14, the newly elected officers were installed in a beau-

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

OCTOBER 3, 1970, Pastor Fields and the Thayer Church did a fine job hosting the Cave Springs regular quarterly meeting. Twenty-one churches were represented with delegates. Rev. Charles Gowers and Brother Beatty shared in preaching the 11:00 a.m. gospel message. Time was given to explain the new allocation of Missouri Cooperative funds. One third of the member churches currently contribute; others indicate their plans to support in the future.

In response to an invitation from Pastor Clark Stephens and the State Line Free Will Baptist Church, near Lanton, Missouri, I delivered the morning message Sunday, October 4. The promotional program was presented during the afternoon gospel singing. Sunday night Mrs. Beatty and I worshipped with the Houston Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Knott delivered the sermon and Pastor Morton gave us time to bring Christian greetings and explain the new allocation of the cooperative receipts. This church is readopting this plan.

October 9 and 10, the Madison County Quarterly Meeting assembled with the Mine LaMotte Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. John Rogers preached Friday night with Rev. O.D. Matthews having the Saturday morning service. Each of their nine churches were represented. Seventy-seven per cent of Quarterly Meeting membership currently contribute to Missouri Cooperative program. The Mine LaMotte Church is a real pioneer landmark church being organized almost one hundred years during the early boom days of the lead mining industry. The mining finished and moved other places and many of the people moved also, however, there are still lost souls here and Pastor Lloyd Durbin is faithfully going out rescuing the perishing. Some young families recently came into the work of the Lord here.

Sunday morning, October 11, I delivered the sermon in the Cape Girardeau Church. Pastor Don Jones and the church continue to win souls for the Lord. This church has made a permanent growth in membership. Recently a family gave the church an electric organ, while another gave a nice piano. Sunday afternoon we shared in Fredericktown church's annual home coming service. I gave the devotional and promotional program combined. Several good gospel singing groups presented special numbers. Sunday evening I delivered the deacon's ordination sermon at Gate Way Free Will Baptist Church. Brothers Pollard and Wagoner were ordained in this service.

Sunday morning, October 18, I was guest minister in Fourth Free Will Baptist Church. We trust the Lord will send them a pastor in the near future. Sunday afternoon we participated in the dedication of Gateway Free Will Baptist Church's new Sanctuary located at 11363 Oak Branch Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63129. Rev. Homer Willis delivered the dedicatory message. Several of our St. Louis District ministers and Missionary Miley shared in this service. We rejoice with Pastor Albert MacFarland and Gateway congregation in this splendid accomplishment.

Friday evening, October 23, I attended one service in St. Francis District Quarterly Meeting held with the Flat River Church. Rev. Walker delivered the evening message and time was given for our Missouri Promotional program.

October 24, Pastor Spurgeon and the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church did a fine job hosting St. Louis District Meeting. Rev. Waggoner preached the principal sermon. Adequate time was given for our cooperative program.

I delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon in Bethel Church, October 25, where Pastor Brown reports souls are being saved in their regular services. The congregation is doing real good since the merger and recently readopted the Cooperative plan. Three churches gave their first offering this month.

October Cooperative Receipts

Byrd Church	\$ 10.00	
Pleasant Hill	10.00	
Mill Creek	91.04	
Gray Summit	17.45	
Twin Oaks	100.00	
Willow Springs	80.84	
Mine LaMotte	16.52	
Beacon	128.29	
Belton	86.20	
West Plains, First	75.00	
Alton	14.00	
Fredericktown, First	481.88	
Berkeley, First	347.10	
Central, K.C.	120.00	
New Home, Laclede County	37.30	
Union, Mission Assn.	60.00	
Cope	20.55	
Aulsbury Chapel	107.60	
Farmington	168.88	
Lebanon, First	314.00	
Happy Home	22.50	
Victory	174.35	
Columbia	28.50	
Olivett	110.00	
Salem	20.00	
Pleasant Ridge	34.60	
Hannon	66.94	
Trinity	130.00	
Waynesville, First	97.40	
Garfield	18.98	
Merl's Chapel	27.50	
Jones Chapel	10.00	
Thayer	55.39	
Pleasant Home, Mission Assn.	63.38	
Grace	210.46	
Verdella	33.85	
Marshfield	11.87	
Hazel Creek, Northeast Assn.	15.00	
New Harmony Sunday School	7.96	
Rock Chapel	42.35	
Copper Mines	65.00	
Fourth, St. Louis	182.08	
Bethel	11.30	
Monett, First	166.45	
Hickory Grove	32.35	
Monett, First	185.17	
Cabool	89.81	
Union Grove	100.00	
Hurryville	105.00	
South Side, St. Louis	195.00	
Mine LaMotte	15.00	
Mtn. Valley	67.99	
Grant Avenue	214.03	
St. Joseph, First	40.91	
Parkview	131.93	
DeSoto, First	74.70	
Waynesville, First	110.48	
Bethel, Festus	15.00	
Cedar Ridge	121.44	
10% transferred from Bible College to Foreign Missions	13.49	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$5404.81	
Disbursements		
00.25% Superannuation	\$ 13.51	
01.00% C.T.S. and S.S.	54.05	
04.00% GEM	216.19	
04.00% Youth Camp	216.19	
07.00% General Fund	378.34	
16.00% Promotional	864.77	
18.75% Home Missions	1013.42	
51.00% 7 Missouri Depts.	\$2756.47	\$2756.47
03.00% O.B.C.	162.14	162.14
00.50% Theological Com.	27.02	
01.00% Layman's Board	54.05	
01.50% Retirement & Ins.	81.07	
03.00% C.T.S.	162.14	
07.00% Home Missions	378.34	
10.00% Executive Dept.	540.48	
10.00% Bible College	540.48	
Less \$13.49 as designated	526.99	
13.00% Foreign Missions	702.62	
Plus \$13.49 as designated	716.11	
46.00% 8 Nat. Depts.	\$2486.20	\$2486.20
100.00% Total Disbursements	\$5404.81	\$5404.81