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Personal from the Editor



IF THE VOLUME numbers of the *GEM* have been consistent with the years it has been published, this year begins the 41st year of publication. I am not familiar enough with its history to know if this be a fact or not. Anyway, this is the first issue of Volume 41. I really think it would be good to get together a running history of our State Magazine and would be pleased to receive facts and remembrances of anyone that might help piece such together. If one of our older subscribers would like to take on this task I would be happy to work with them. It is just an idea, if you would like this sort of material we will look forward to hearing from you.

The past three months of working with the *GEM* have been most educational. As I mentioned in the beginning, this is a new experience with me. May I take my space this issue to offer some random thought, say "thank you," and offer some few words of explanation?

First of all, may I say the "Thank you's"? I appreciate all the kind things you have all written. I don't get time to write to each of you to say so, but I do just the same. But, even as I accept your notes of thoughtfulness and consideration, I must be honest. Most of the work of putting the *GEM* into its attractive format is done by the Printing Division of the National Sunday School Department in Nashville. Our *GEM* is published there. I receive the materials you send, type it up in what I hope will be an acceptable form and hopefully grammatically correct, offer any suggestions I might especially like to see included, then send it to Nashville. The lay-out and all the technical work is then done there. Your *GEM* is even mailed from Nashville unless you have a Springfield address, then it comes through the Springfield Post Office

because the office of publication is my address there. If you continue to like the way the *GEM* looks, say so. I'll appreciate and will pass the word on to those who work hard to make it so. If there is something you don't appreciate about the *GEM*, or suggestions you think would improve it, please take time to write and let us know that, also. Constructive criticism written in honest Christian love will be received in the same way.

Now, for the explanations. The one thing which seems to need explanation worst of all is billing statements, address changes, and lagging in getting your *GEM* to you. The billing statements you expect and they do not create any major problems except when they do not arrive at the time expected. This part of the *GEM* work is time consuming and I have been at some loose ends in figuring out another system and putting things into one of my own. The system used by the former editor was good and without error, but just as it would be difficult for me to dress in his clothes, so is my working with that which served him well. I have things organized my way now, which is not necessarily the best way, but this problem is now at an end. Changes of address and new subscriptions are slow in coming to you. I realize this causes some concern, however, we ask your patience. After we receive them they must be typed and sent to the Nashville offices. This takes approximately a month before they can all be forwarded. The printers, then, must make plates for their addressing equipment which probably will loose another month, so that two months is about the fastest these changes can be made. All of us concerned work as fast as we can. National magazines to which you subscribe such as Time, U.S. News, etc. print notices in their magazines warning you that three to six months may be required to make such changes. We work a little faster than that. Up-to-date Church Plan lists will be mailed to each church as soon as this can be accomplished. It is gradually getting done. Pray for us and be patient.

And, the random thoughts. The New Year will be well into its first month when you receive this issue of the *GEM* and more than likely the stride with which you shall walk through 1971 will have already been set. I trust it is a stride that will include many things for God and His work. I sincerely hope there is room in that stride for you to take time to make the *GEM* your personal paper. I am especially pleased with the churches who have been sending in news—it needs to be in by the 15th of the month.

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by Rick Wood

BEING A YOUNG CHRISTIAN who is true to God is a lot more difficult today. This is my own personal opinion, but most people of the older generation would agree with the statement—"It's harder to be a Christian than it was a generation ago." We young Christians are faced with a lot of questions that have never faced us before and we aren't sure of all the answers.

Christians, as a whole, seem to have lost sight of the heavenly goal that God has for them. Many of us who are younger Christians have seen a lack of dedication among the older generation. Besides not being true Christians, they are setting bad examples for the people around them. Including their own sons and daughters. One outstanding example that comes readily to mind concerns the giving of tithes and offerings. Many seem to forget it is their responsibility to support God's work. Many Christians spend their money on themselves instead of God's work, indicating they are more concerned with earthly things than heavenly possessions. Christians of all ages are guilty of practices such as this. Their actions are a very poor testimony for what they are supposed to believe. No wonder many young people, saved and unsaved alike, are becoming disillusioned with the church of today.

The youth of a church is that church's most valuable asset. There are so many things wrong in our world today that many young people, when planning their careers, are likely to throw up their hands and say, "What's the use of trying to help out this world of ours? It won't make any

difference anyway." Sometimes we don't realize the purpose of our lives, so they are lived carelessly. But most of the young Christians I know are usually willing to dedicate their lives to God and His church. They are more concerned with giving something to the world than getting something out of it. A person who accepts Jesus at an early age has his whole life before him. He can, then, plan his vocation according to God's will. A person coming to God in his later years already has many things "set" in his life. Reaching young people for God just means they can do more for God. This should indicate that we need to influence young people to become Christians and encourage them to listen for God's will for their lives. In short, the churches should be more interested in young people.

Young people have some new ideas that might help their churches, but they must be encouraged to present their opinions by someone who will be willing to listen. The person who is not yet twenty has his best fifteen years ahead of him. That isn't my opinion, it is an accepted, proven fact. Surely these "best" years should be effectively utilized through the wise leadership of mature Christians.

Rick Wood is a junior in the Mountain Grove High School and a member of the Rock Chapel Church. Rick represented Missouri at the 1970 National Youth Conference as a member of the Bible Bowl Team. Rick's present plans are to attend college and become a lawyer. As I read Rick's paper I feel that he voices a legitimate concern. His church is in an Association with 28 churches and only about ten of them have active youth programs. Perhaps this is a needed indictment, well spoken. Rick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood.

Boys Will Be Men

"Boys will be boys," Brenda Ellis had said a hundred times since she became the mother of two of her own. Audibly and inaudibly, to herself and to others, justifying a broken shrub to her neighbor or soiled dungarees to herself—this seemed so often the right thing to say. "Boys will be boys."

And now she found herself saying it again as she looked up from her needlework on the patio. Mike and Mark were playing a customary game of football with the other boys of the neighborhood.

But today things seemed different somehow. As her needlework fell to her lap for a few idle moments, she studied the boys in their uninhibited play and total unawareness of her presence. Why hadn't she noticed before how fast they were growing up? Of course, she had been aware that they were growing—new clothes sizes, unbounded appetites, and all of that. But growing *up*? Not quite like today.

They seemed to be almost leaders among the boys and she

felt proud. A sense of fair play characterized their decisions, even when it cost them yardage. Mike's voice was changing as he barked out the signals from behind the center.

She and Matt hadn't had them very long, she thought as she pensively picked up her needlework again. And yet they had been with them longer already than they were going to be with them in the future. At home, she meant—all their own. There would be college and then service, maybe. Still in a sense they would always be theirs—the kind of boys they were raising them to be.

She was a little sad, but mostly happy. "Boys will be boys?" she *asked* herself this time. Not really always. But more than she had ever realized before: "Boys will be men!"

—W. Clyde Tilley

Copied from the bulletin of the Shellsford Baptist Church of McMinnville, Tennessee. Used with permission of the pastor.

By Evangelist Johnnie M. Land

(Acts 2:12) ... And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, "*WHAT MEANETH THIS?*" Greetings; in the wonderful name of Jesus, our Saviour who loved us and gave Himself for us, that He might deliver us from this present evil world.

I am going to use a phrase coined by that great world war II news reporter Gabriel Heater "*There's Good News Tonight.*"

Yes good news: God is still on the throne. The blessed Holy Spirit is still at work in men's hearts convicting them of sin. And Jesus is still saving them that believe.

And that's why I say, there's good news tonight. This is

I STAND AMAZED



the news that the world is waiting to hear, but how can they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? God needs more reporters, who have experienced the good news of the grace of God, in their hearts, to speak up.

The news media of our day, have little to report that will bring joy and happiness to the hearts of people. Their news consist of war, blood shed, violence, and iniquity. And this is true of our generation. But it has left the masses of humanity sick, discouraged, and a feeling of hopelessness. But listen my Christian friend, when the world is at it's worst, the Church must be at it's best.

Jesus said: Ye are the light of the world, and the salt of the earth. This places personal responsibility upon each of us as children of God, who have been redeemed by the good news of the gospel message, to meet the challenge, with a message of hope. There has never been a time in the history of the church, that the hearts of God's people, needs to be stirred by the Holy Spirit, as to their personal responsibility as *NOW*. And this is why God has laid on my heart the burden to return to the field of full time evangelism.

I have been praising God, tonight for what he has been doing in our churches, the past few months, I have witnessed 215 precious souls in the last six meetings walk down to the alter place in response to the claims of the Gospel on their lives. "Praise the Lord" this is good news, and I want to share it with you. "*This is why I stand amazed.*"

I am convinced; that any church, any where, any time, will experience Holy Spirit Revival when they are willing to pay the price, and people will still be amazed, as they were on the day of Pentecost.

You will notice in our Scripture text of (Acts 2:12) that when the Holy Spirit came on the scene they were all amazed . . . saying what meaneth this? The meaning of that experience on that day, was what the prophet Joel said in (Joel 2:28, 29). I am also convinced, that this is the Church's greatest need. Why? First: let us ask ourselves the question, "*WHAT IS OUR MISSION?*" . . . It is go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). We as Preachers, Teachers, and every Christian must realize our helplessness without him. And we must also realize that there is no obstacle in our path of duty too great for him to remove and that is good news. And again, this is why "*I STAND AMAZED*".

At this writing I am at the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church in revival where the Lord is blessing. I want to say thanks to all the pastors, and churches, who have invited me for a meeting. I pray that in some way I have been a blessing to you, as you have been to me. I am looking foward to the new year for greater things if Jesus tarries.

I ask your prayers for this ministry. I have several meetings booked already this year. If your church should feel led of the Lord to have me come for a revival, I can be contacted at the following address.

3935 Miami St.

St. Louis, Missouri 63116

Phone: 772-5088

CHURCHES

PEOPLE and EVENTS



"An old fashioned Revival Meeting," are the best words to describe the recent evangelistic services conducted by Rev. Johnny Land at the Grant Avenue Church in Springfield. There were more than 60 definite decisions for Christ witnessed as the people of the church were continually at the altars seeking God and moving up in Him. Each night the Spirit of God could be felt in a very real way from the first Spirit filled hymn through the preached word into the altar call. People prayed, cried, and shouted as Brother Land preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. These are the things God has promised us and will give through prayer and fasting. Two weeks of God's blessings were enjoyed instead of the one week scheduled.

Rev. Bill Adkisson, the pastor, knows that Brother Land cannot bring a revival in his briefcase, but feels very strongly that the hand of God is on him for the ministry of a full-time evangelist. The revival of the church and increases in attendance in all the regular services serve as continuing evidence of revival.

Grant Avenue recommends Brother Land and expresses their hope that Missouri Free Will Baptists will stand behind him in prayer and support so that he may continue in this much needed ministry.

Correspondent Genevieve White shares the good news of God's blessing wonderfully at the First Church, Flat River. The church thanks God for sending them such wonderful leadership in their pastor, Rev. Ken Goff. Under his

leadership the church has worked and God has blessed. During the past four months 24 have made decisions for Christ, 14 have followed the Lord in Baptism, and 14 have joined the church. A four year record was broken, November 15, with 101 in Sunday School. November 22 saw 117 in Sunday School; 21 were visitors. The congregation finds real meaning in Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

The Waynesville First Church reports continued growth in attendance. Since moving into their newly built and dedicated auditorium they have outgrown the educational facilities of their plant. God has richly blessed their step of faith. From an attendance of 55 in January they have grown to an October average of 106. God still can do great things when a dedicated man will lead dedicated people in His service. Brother Vergel Maness is pastor of this active congregation.

As the year draws to a close and the New Year becomes reality, the Jones Chapel Church continued to anticipate God's richest blessings, reports Church Correspondent, Madonna Ferguson. In the month past they have received four new members with one saved and baptised. The young people are very active in the church. They also co-operate with Youth groups of other

churches and enjoyed a banquet with the Monett teenagers and the C.T.S. Rally at Joplin. Their pastor, Billy Joe Gentry was in revival services at Oak Grove, Arkansas with the Teens Quartet helping with special music.

The Hannon Church hosted the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Central Western Association, November 29. Rev. Lowell Martin brought the morning message. A basket dinner was followed by special music and business. Eight of the ten churches making up the Association were present: Hickory Grove, Bethel, Eldorado Springs, Waggoner, Independence, Oskaloosa, Verdella, Greenfield, and Hannon. The next session will meet with the Independence Church, Stockton, Missouri.

The DeSoto Church is enjoying the blessings of the Lord. A revival is planned for January 11-17 with Rev. Tom Malone as Evangelist. Pastor Charles Miller and the congregation enjoying a spirit of revival in their regular services. They invite us to pray with them that God will continue to bless.

Mrs. Vern R. Jones of Harrisonville writes to share with us the blessings of a recent revival at their church. Brother Johnnie Land was the evangelist bringing some wonderful messages. One soul found peace with God. This church is without a pastor at the present time and requests our prayers and consideration.

Liberty Sunday School Convention met with the Northside Church of Springfield, November 15. Rev. Walter Eyman, president, called the house to order. One hundred three were present from North Side, Calvary, Lynn Street, Springfield First, and Marshfield churches. Each Sunday School represented had a part in the afternoon program. Sister Juanita Irish was appointed to fill the vacancy left when Sister Stella Huntly resigned as Secretary-Treasurer. Marshfield will host the next Convention and took home the Attendance Banner.

news front

"Now mine eyes shall be open and mine ears unto prayer, that is made in this place." The Happy Hill Church truly believes that God does hear and answer prayers because of their many wonderful blessings. They have just enjoyed a great revival with Rev. Henry Long speaking God's message each evening. Twenty-two were saved, sixteen baptized, and ten new members united with the church. Sunday, November 22, marked the dedication of the new wing of the church which provided much needed Sunday School rooms. God has certainly seen and met the needs of this congregation giving them much reason to rejoice and we are happy to share in the news of these blessings. Rev. Joe Fulkerson is the pastor of this forward moving church. Pray with them as they serve God in this place.

The Old Bethel Church recently enjoyed a Spirit filled revival with Rev. Gene Proffer as Evangelist. Eight were received into the church this month as the Sunday School continues to grow. Mrs. Larry C. Barks, Correspondent, reports a continuing revival of interest among their youth. The church takes justifiable pride in the work of their young people and requests your prayers that God may direct as they continue to serve.

Brother Lynn Wood, formerly Director of Promotional Programs for Oklahoma Bible College, has assumed the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri. We give a hearty, though belated, welcome to the Woods family and know the entire state will pray for their ministry there. They moved into the parsonage late in November.

NEW WORK SCHEDULED FOR JEFFERSON CITY



Missouri Free Will Baptists,

We offer this letter of recommendation to every church and individual who has faithfully supported the Missouri State Home Missions Program, both in prayer and giving. Your support has made it possible to establish Free Will Baptist Churches in many areas where there was no Free Will Baptist witness.

Even so, there are opportunities untold where new churches could be established if our resources were not so limited. If only we could feel the importance of our Lord's command, "Go, ye." I am sure we would see the "must" of Home Missions. Nearly every church that was supported by Missouri State Home Missions in its beginning, is a regular supporter of State Home Missions now.

Several cities in our state have been under prayerful consideration. Among them was our State Capital, Jefferson City, which was number one on the list of future projects. The first step in launching a new work is finance and second is a qualified man, led of God to undertake the task. Recently we felt our financial situation would meet the present need, so we began looking for the man.

We looked for a man of firm convictions, willing to work hard, and face many adversaries. We felt the attitude of the man was very important. It couldn't be "I'll try," or "I'll get by," but it

must be "I will do or die." After much prayer, we feel that God has directed a man in the person of Brother Frank Guinta. Brother Guinta, his wife Peggy, son Steve, and daughter Karen will be moving to this field on January 15, 1971.

Brother and Sister Guinta and family are not strangers to our Free Will Baptist people of Missouri. They served successfully as pastor and evangelist in the state until 1969 when they accepted a pastorate in Greenville, North Carolina. They saw growth at this church which at present has a Sunday School of above 300. They were contacted by the Missouri State Home Missions Board and several weeks later persuaded by the Holy Spirit that this was God's will for their lives.

We are presenting you, our Free Will Baptist Churches and people with a challenge to get behind them with your daily prayers and systematic giving. You can have an individual part in this new work by designating your gift to its support.

We hope to persuade every Free Will Baptist Church to put Home Missions in your budget. As an individual, why don't you designate a monthly contribution of \$1.00 or more to help establish a Free Will Baptist Church in every city in our state?

God bless you every one and grant you a prosperous New Year in our Lord. Missouri State Home Missions Board
Cliff Bowman, Chairman

Note: All contributions should be sent to: Missouri State Home Missions %Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Treasurer; 3614 N. Bellfontaine; Kansas City, Missouri 64117

Correction—The Editor goofed. If you happened to add up the Cooperative Receipts for October in the November issue it just didn't add up. We neglected to include the 10% for the National Executive Department in the Disbursements. The amount was \$493.44. If you'll add that in the figures should tell the entire story. Sorry. Forgiven, I hope.

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Missouri State Home Mission Giving
Nov. 5 thru Dec. 5, 1970

Belton Church	5.00
Coopermines Church	27.00
Olivett Church	25.00
Farmington Church	36.00
First Ch. Waynesville	7.75
Hannon Church	37.38
Rock Chapel Church	15.00
Myrtle Church	7.19
Cuba Church	7.00
Union Church	5.00
New Rock Springs Church	7.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
New Home Church	25.00
First Ch. O'Fallon	5.00
First Ch. DeSoto	24.00
Parkview Church	15.00
Verdella Church	5.50
Fellowship Church	64.00
Alton Church	12.00
Victory Church	92.35
First Ch. St. Joseph	16.11
Twin Oaks Church	6.00
First Ch. West Plains	69.55
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
Fourth Church	27.00
Grant Avenue Church	22.00
First Ch. Mtn. Grove	17.26
Cooperative Receipts—Nov.	926.36
Total	\$1521.45

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

(Oct) (Nov)

Farmington, First	118
DeSoto	82
Hannon	29 28
Jones Chapel	77
Mine LaMotte	43
Monett, First	146
Old Bethel	48
Parkview	107
St. Joseph, First	37
Salem	42
Trinity	151
Waynesville	106
West Plains	138
Willow Springs	96

Dear Friend,

It is good to bring you greetings from the state of Vermont. We are now located in Newbury near the Connecticut River on the New Hampshire border. Newbury is one of the oldest villages in Vermont.

In the area in which we moved to organize a Free Will Baptist church, there are no gospel preaching churches at all. Newbury, along with several other towns in the area, has no Bible-believing church of any kind. We wish to thank the National Home Mission Board for their recent decision to continue to support us in this new Home Mission Project in the state of Vermont.

God has worked in our hearts and with the people in our area as never before in our ministry in the Northeast. In the village of Newbury the Lord has given us a church building and a parsonage. We are endeavoring to make necessary renovations on the parsonage before winter comes. The Lord has enabled us to organize with 13 members, and during our revival meeting there were two saved. Also, we had good attendance throughout the ten days of meetings. The Sunday school now has 20 enrolled with about 25 attending worship. We are very excited about having the Lambert family, natives of Littleton, New Hampshire, working with us in the new work here. They were working in the Free Will Baptist Childrens' Home in Greenville, Tennessee, and have just moved back to assist in this new endeavor.

We believe the Holy Spirit is at work

here in Vermont for which we give Him our deepest praise!

Praise the Lord for the good health Mrs. Owens is now enjoying since we arrived in Vermont. She is very active in all phases of the work. We know that our move from Nova Scotia to Vermont was of the Lord. Everything points to His blessing upon the work here. Thank you for your prayers and concern. Our account has fallen deep into the RED since our move to Vermont. Would you pray and ask God what He would have you do about the Owens' account?

It is also good to report that the book, "The Life of Elder Benjamin Randall" by John Buzzell, first published in 1827, has been republished and is available for purchase at \$3.00 per copy.

Your missionaries to Vermont,
Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens and Family



Dear Friends of Missions

Our account was up this past month and we praise God for answering prayers. We commend you for permitting the Lord to use you and your finances in this ministry. Thank you so much for your faithfulness.

Because of the decline in our financial support we will be going back to the States next month for a few weeks itinerary. Please be praying with us about this and perhaps we will be able to visit with you then.

Yours in Christ,
Fred McCoy
San Juan, P.R.



MISSOURI NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

South Side	\$34.50
Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Evans	6.00
Richwoods Church	7.00
Fellowship, Flat River	10.00
Hartville	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry	5.00
Grant Avenue	52.00
Sunlight Missionary Conf.	849.94
Fredericktown, First	20.00
Columbia	12.45
Fredericktown Woman's Aux.	10.00
Farmington, First	20.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	22.13
New Home, Hartville	10.00
Salem, First	10.00
Central	8.99
Leadington	5.00
Percy Henson	10.00
Kenny Salsman	2.00
Coon Creek (Mt. Zion no. 2)	25.00
Macedonia Woman's Auxiliary	25.00
W.L. Evans	52.00
Macedonia Woman's Aux.	25.00
Bessie Deeds	5.00
C. Ramsey	1.00
Alfred Bough	12.00
Mildred Wallace	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Nichols	5.00
M.M. Lee	45.00
Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Denton	5.00
Fellowship Class, Farmington	10.00
A Friend, Flat River	1.00
A Friend, Winfield	2.00
Virgil Gaston	2.00
Victory	41.17
N.S. Miller	10.00
A Friend, Kansas City	20.00
Fellowship, Flat River	10.00
Mrs. Pearl Alexander	5.00
Mrs. Lloyd Walls	17.00
Mr. Ronald Barr	5.00
Marcy Gregory	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dorman Luter	20.00
Myrtle Church	5.00
Primary S.S. Class, Berkley	20.52
Hartville	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Barnett	5.00
Missouri Cooperative	378.34
Total (November)	\$1,875.04
Total to date	\$11,318.26
Balance due	\$3,681.74



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

Obedience is a matter of outward action and of inward discipline. Authority demands obedience and that is where we fail. We confess Christ as Savior, but we deny His authority to command our obedience to His will. For Christians this is a matter of deep concern, for peace of heart and mind, along with usefulness in the work of God's kingdom, is at stake. We cannot prosper in our spiritual lives so long as we are disobedient to God's revealed will. Nor can He use us for His glory while we live in a state of known rebellion. Obedience is at times like taking a step in the dark, but that matters little, for the One who commands is also the One who will strengthen and guide you. Out of obedience there comes the outpouring of God's blessings.

*Copied from the "Newsletter"
Trinity Baptist Church. Thank you
Brother Spurgeon.*

The largest attendance ever recorded is expected at the 35th session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 12-15, 1971. Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, where the National Association was organized in 1935, the annual convention will draw pastors, delegates, and visitors from most of the 40 states where Free Will Baptist churches are located.

In order to lay a solid foundation and give a renewed spiritual thrust for a decade of church growth, the convention theme is "O Lord, Revive Thy Work."

In addition to this National conclave, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet on Tuesday, July 13. Also, running simultaneously with these two conventions will be the National Youth Conference. Sam Johnson, director, is planning for a record number of youth to participate in the activities, contests, social functions, and special sessions scheduled for the conference which begins Sunday night, July 11.

All sessions will be held in the Nashville Municipal Auditorium, except for some youth activities. Plans are being laid to entertain 5,000 representatives from across the nation and several foreign countries.



You Can Know by Ken Riggs presents a fundamental, Scriptural approach to a persons assurance in their salvation through Christ Jesus. Even if you are sure beyond all doubt of your own salvation, it will do you good to read the booklet as each of the 25 pages of print contains concise, practical, to-the-point proofs supported by Scripture: it may well help you aid another who needs such assurance. The booklets are available from the Sunday School Department for 25¢ each; in lots of 10 or more, 20¢ each.

SPRING ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

LIVING IS

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FOR

CHRIST



LIVING IS . . . MARCHING FOR CHRIST is the theme for the Spring 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 possesses as a child of God.

LIVING IS . . . speaks of our every day living for Christ. It is living for Christ in our day-by-day routine of life.

MARCHING FOR CHRIST challenges each Christian to go forward for Christ. The Great Commission of Jesus is the marching orders for every Christian. Let us go forth winning souls for Christ.

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

- Division A—over 500 average
- Division B—400-500 average
- 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, March 7, and continue through Sunday, March 28, 1971. A \$5.00 registration fee will be sent in with each entry blank. Sunday schools in each division who experience the greatest *percentage* of gain over the thirteen weeks average attendance for October, November, December, 1970 will be declared winners and awarded gifts denoting first and second place. First place winners in each division will receive a General Electric Cassette Player-Recorder and six pre-recorded tapes valued at \$75.50. The second place winner will receive a \$39.98 General Electric Show 'N Tell unit.

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.

Those who want to enter the NSSA March Crusade may also do so with these materials.

Womans World



The Berkley Woman's Auxiliary met for their regular monthly meeting November 4, with fourteen present. A cookie baking project for Thanksgiving was decided for the boys at Bible College and the U.S.O. The program was opened with special music, "Must I Go, and Empty Handed." Since it was Glenda Tucker's birthday special refreshments were served.



The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Church met for their regular meeting December 1, with fourteen members present. A special offering was taken for the Children's Home in Tennessee, five dollars were sent to the Vandivort's in Columbia, and stamps were collected to help get the church bus. Brither Jerry Field, pastor, taught a study-course on Evangelism, December 2.

Ten ladies met at the Myrtle Church for the regular Woman's Auxiliary meeting, November 8. Regular business and reports were followed by decisions to bake cakes or bread for Senior Citizens of the community, extend for another year home missions giving for the Billow's fund in Mexico, and to have a Pink and Blue Shower for Sister Rosalee Reed. Roll call was answered with something we were thankful for. A pre-season time of prayer was planned, a program skit "Spiritual Thanksgiving Dinner" was enjoyed by the group, and the meeting closed with prayer.



A "FIRST" IN STATE AUXILIARY WORK

The first Teen Auxiliary in Missouri was organized at the Mountain Grove Church. Ann Altis was elected as Chairman with Jo Hurtt as Co-Chairman. The

first Tuesday of each month was set as their regular meeting time. Junior Auxiliary has been organized for several months and is quite successful with 18 enrolled. Frankie Kemper serves as leader for this group. Deloris Phelps is the president of the actively progressive Auxiliary program.



Mrs. Larry Newkirk was hostess to thirteen members of the Cedar Ridge Woman's Auxiliary for their regular monthly meeting. After a lovely Christmas Dinner the ladies exchanged gifts. Work was the order of the day as the ladies worked to stuff the Christmas stockings for the 88 residents of a local nursing home. A favorite Recipee Cookbook was decided as a project for the New Year. If you would like to have a recipee included you may share it with the Cedar Ridge Auxiliary by mailing to

Mrs. Larry Newkirk, Long Lane, Missouri. Mrs. Vonnie Ruble will host the January meeting.



The regular monthly meeting of the Monett Woman's Auxiliary met December 1. The regular business and reports followed the opening prayer by Mrs. Jim McAllister. Special activities for the month were food baskets for needy families and Christmas sent to the Missionary families. The annual Christmas dinner for the church was announced. A special devotion, "The Things of Christmas," was presented by Mrs. Lawrence Davis and the meeting was dismissed in a Prayer Circle. Eighteen were present to enjoy this special Christmas meeting.



Eleven members of the Bethel Woman's Auxiliary met, December 1, for the regular monthly meeting. Marilyn Black, dressed in African costume, and Barbara Brown, dressed Japanese costume, presented reports from their respective mission fields with emphasis on Christmas. December is a busy month getting gifts made for the aged and preparing a box for the Children's Home in Tennessee. The Christmas pre-season week of prayer was held in members homes with special emphasis on Christmas as the birthday of our Savior. The Thanksgiving pre-season prayer week was especially heart stirring with the special program presented by the Study Course Chairwoman, Ann Lifingston. The Lord has been blessing the Auxiliary along with the total congregation at Bethel. They request our prayers that the Holy Spirit will continue to move and many hearts will be won to Christ.



The Spirit of Christmas is prominent at the Trinity Woman's Auxiliary with the activities of making cookies for the U.S.O. to help add a touch of Christmas

for our servicemen away from home, a gift for the Children's Home at Greenville, Tennessee, and an Auxiliary Christmas Party at the home of Carlette Herron, December 10.



The West Plains Woman's Auxiliary met December 7, with twelve members and three visitors enjoying a special Christmas program, "The Unexpected Christmas Gift." Regular business and usual reports were followed by decisions to send \$10.00 each to the Frank Guinta account and the Missionaries Willey; a thank you note from the Koshkanong Church for a gift of \$25.00; and the report that 22 cards had been sent for the Auxiliary. Pre-Christmas services were set for December 16, and the District Meeting was discussed and attendance urged. Continued prayer is requested for the work in West Plains.



God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old,
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And molded her heart of pure gold!
In her eyes He placed shining stars,
In her cheeks, fair roses you see,
God made a wonderful mother,
And gave that dear mother to me.
—Pat O'Reilly



Copied from "Newsletter" of Trinity Baptist Church.

GOLDEN GEMS . . .

Thank the Lord for dirty dishes
They have their tale to tell,
While others may go hungry,
We all are eating well.
With home and health and happiness
I would not want to fuss,
For by the stacks of evidence
Our Lord's been good to us.

Lillian Fredette

Cooperative Receipts, November, 1970.

Richwoods	\$137.34
Willow Springs	68.42
West Plains, First	81.00
Fellowship	50.00
Central	120.00
Farmington	200.68
Columbia	66.40
Gray Summits	16.20
Fourth	158.47
Beacon	133.92
Kirksville	30.00
Carterville	35.12
Salem	20.00
Belton	66.60
Thayer	63.65
Garfield	31.89
Cabool	40.99
Hannon	60.76
Bethel (Festus)	40.00
Houston (readopted)	75.00
Berkley	310.83
Monett	147.56
Hickory Grove	7.22
Olivett	105.00
Happy Home	20.64
Grace	209.20
Rock Chapel	20.86
Leadington	170.00
Cope	19.31
New Rock Springs	20.00
Copper Mines	55.00
New Harmony Sunday School	6.75
Marshfield	13.03
DeSoto	56.00
Victory	194.25
Mtn. Grove	146.87
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Fellowship	50.00
Granby	43.42
Jones Chapel	10.00
Hurryville	130.00
St. Joseph, First	32.21
Beacon	124.91
South Side	208.00
Grant Avenue	293.14
Beacon	54.45
West Plains, First	108.00
Viburnum	134.43
Willow Springs	63.60
Lebanon, First	361.42
Gray Summits	30.00
Parkview	115.98
Kirksville	30.00
Leadington	127.00
Mine La Motte (error, last)	.04
TOTAL	\$4,940.56

Disbursements—Missouri (7 departments)

00.25%	Superannuation	\$12.35
01.00%	C.T.S. and S.S.	49.40
04.00%	GEM	197.62
04.00%	Youth Camp	197.62
07.00%	General Fund	345.04
16.00%	Promotional	790.48
18.00%	Home Missions	926.36
51.00%	Missouri Dis.	\$2,519.67
03.00%	O.B.C.	\$ 148.22
National (8 departments)		
00.50%	Theo. Com.	24.70
01.00%	Layman's Bd.	49.41
01.50%	R.E.A.P.	74.11
03.00%	C.T.S.	148.22
07.00%	Home Miss.	345.84
10.00%	FWBBC	494.06
10.00%	Exec. Dept.	494.06
13.00%	Foreign Miss.	642.27
46.00%	Nat. Dis.	\$2,272.67
100.00%	Total Disbursed	\$4,940.56

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Sunday morning sermon in their second anniversary service, Sunday, November 22. Brother Vernon Mason's family was present and presented special singing both morning and afternoon. The church is gradually growing and their potential is much better in their new location at 2609 Green Valley Street. If you have people in this city it would be helpful to send their names and addresses to Brother Maggard. That Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in our East Independence Church. Please remember Pastor Langley and this congregation in prayer.

Laclede Quarterly meeting assembled at New Home Church, November 28. Each of their churches was represented with delegates and each church reported souls being saved during their revivals in the past three months. Messengers preaching were Maness, Henson, and Beatty.

Niangua Fifth Sunday Meeting assembled with Hopewell Church, November 28 and 29. Ministers preaching were Douglas, Gardner, Linton, Cline, Owens, and Beatty. Services closed with the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. The same Sunday evening we enjoyed another good service with Pastor Virgil Maness and the Waynesville Church. I was privileged to deliver the sermon and we all rejoiced with a soul being saved. The Youth Choir had charge of the special singing.

Two churches re-adopted and some resumed their cooperative giving this month. Thus we are gaining, but about \$100.00 per month under schedule for the past four months. Remember that Bibles are available at your own Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store; 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street; St. Louis, Missouri 63111. May the New Year continue to be filled with the eternal Joy of Christmas.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, the First Quarterly Meeting of Mission Association assembled with Mt Zion Number 2 Church. Twenty-two churches were represented by delegates. Ministers preaching during the services were: Roberts, Helsley, Bryant, Murray, and Talbott. Moderator Wynn gave plenty of time to Brother Beatty to explain the current allocation of Missouri Cooperative funds and the co-operative program. While in this section I attended one night in each of the following revivals: Springfield Grant Avenue, Monett First, and Oak Grove in Oak Grove, Arkansas. Through these revival efforts many souls were saved.

Jones Chapel hosted the Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting, November 7. Joplin's new pastor, Rev. Andy Lay delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. The program for the afternoon was on the theme "Thanks Be To God." Each church participated in this part of the program. I was given time to explain the Missouri Cooperative program, also. I delivered the Sunday morning sermon, November 8, in the Jones Chapel Church. This outstanding rural church is moving forward under the leadership of Pastor Gentry. Sunday evening I de-

livered the sermon in the Cuba Church. Pastor Nichols reports some new members added to the church there recently. They have also completed a nice new parsonage adjacent to their church property.

Sunday morning, November 15, I delivered the sermon in our Fourth Church in St. Louis while they await the arrival of their recently elected pastor.

Tuesday, November 17, twenty Missouri state General Board members, plus other interested ministers, met here at the Headquarters building. The various boards gave their reports projecting their proposed goals and anticipations for the forthcoming months. A good fellowship and a harmonious spirit prevailed.

Friday evening, November 20, Pastor Dennis Bowman and the Belton Church hosted the Kansas City District Quarterly Meeting. Rev. Earl Langley delivered the sermon. The entire session is completed in one evening, and time was given to promote the Missouri State program. Pastor Bowman reports souls being saved recently and added to the church.

To encourage Pastor Maggard and St. Joseph First Church, I delivered the