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*Our Father
which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy
Kingdom come. Thy
will be done in earth, as
it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us
our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into
temptation, but deliver
us from evil: For
thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.*

Matthew 6:9-13

FREE WILL BAPTIST

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Personal from the Editor



ALL OF A SUDDEN man is finding himself in a new world, a world of supersonic speed, a world where outer space is our frontier, a world where rockets and space vehicles are becoming as common as the jet airliner that streaks across the sky.

Added to this world of adventure are the luxuries that crowd our life. We are surrounded in America by new products and gadgets beyond the imagination of our forefathers. We have transistor radios which the younger generation carry around in the palm of their hands. We have credit cards that can buy almost anything. We have packaged frozen foods and hundreds of products in pressurized cans which satisfy our demand for convenience.

And so it goes. Year after year we are overwhelmed by the new product, the latest of man's imagination.

The truth of the matter is—we have become different! There is no doubt about it. In spite of our progress and luxuries we have lost some basic ideals that made our country strong. We have lost the old American spirit of the pioneer and the settler. We are no longer the hard-working, frugal, God-fearing people our forefathers were, making sacrifices to establish security for a family and for old age. Security is now left to others. We live only for the present. Forgotten are the wise old sayings of Benjamin Franklin from his *Poor Richard's Almanac*. The general modern consensus is, "That was all right in 1758, but not today."

We cannot help at this point remembering the people of Babel. The Bible tells us that after the Flood the people undertook a gigantic project of building a city with a tower that would reach up into the skies. It was an effort that demanded everyone's cooperation. It demanded time, skill, and money. The purpose of it is stated in the Bible, "Let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad upon

the face of the whole earth." Here is the ugly force of pride, selfishness, and greed. All of their motives were directed inward, toward their own satisfactions, instead of outward and upward to satisfy God. It is no wonder that God interfered *before* they believed that nothing would be impossible for them.

How close are we to the spirit of Babel? Is pride our god, moving us to make a name for ourselves in the world so that all our time, skills and money are spent in order to show that nothing is impossible for us anymore? What purpose has progress today? Man's glory? Or God's glory?

Paul wrote in Colossians 1:17-18 a reminder from God. "Christ is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the Head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the First-Born from the dead, that in everything He might be pre-eminent."

This is our Faith. Christ is still pre-eminent! He is the Lord of the universe, without whom no progress could be made if it were not his will. As the bow of Ulysses could be bent only by its master, so creation fully responds only to the touch of Christ. Jesus, then, is no forgotten spirit of brotherhood, but He is divine Power by which all things *still* hold together. Just before Jesus left the earth, He said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth . . . and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Christ is our eternal Lord, who will not be superseded by any force of man or nature. Christ is above and beyond any force of His creation. He was in the beginning, when the creative power of God formed all things. Jesus has this creative power. There is absolutely nothing on the earth or beyond the earth to excel his power. "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches . . . The glory of the Lord shall endure forever."

Let us begin. Let us begin to glorify God with our new knowledge. Let us thank God for allowing us to discover things that make life exciting. Let us pray that we may be worthy of all the good gifts from His gracious hand. Let us continue to use the latest innovations for Christian work here on earth in building ever firmer and larger Christ's church, of which He is the Head. Let us not neglect our opportunities for progress in Christianity, for sharing our faith, for personal example in godly living, for labor to promote the Kingdom of God. Let us uphold the faith that keeps Christ pre-eminent in all things.

Strengthen me that it may be so, Lord Jesus. I accept the challenge.

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Today, our young people are confronted with many complex problems. If there was ever a time when they needed our prayers and encouragement, it is today. They are constantly being bombarded with the poison of satan in this permissive and immoral age. We hear a lot of talk about the "generation gap", or the lack of communication that exists between adults and young people. The cry goes up from groups across this land to resist authority, burn the flag, tear down the establishment, and destroy the fiber and foundation upon which this country was founded. There is a slogan that states that God is dead, and those young people who have this attitude call Christian young people "squares". A person who stands for God and the things that are right is not "with it" according to the world's standards.

In the midst of all this dissent, it is easy to become discouraged, and generalize by telling ourselves that most young people are bad, and have no regard for anything that is right and good. Thank God, this is not so, because there are many good dedicated Christian young people, giving a vibrant testimony for their country, their church, and most important of all, their Lord. Many of these young people are students in the colleges and universities across our land.

The Christian college has a unique responsibility. It's responsibility is not only in the area of academic training, but also in the area of spiritual and religious training. In this ministry the Christian student on the Christian college campus also has a vital role.

Since I am a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, my observations will be those of this school and its students. This is not to say that Christian students on other Christian or secular colleges are not important, because there is a place and opportunity for service in all colleges and universities.

The role of the student at the Christian college is not merely an academic one, although this is important. The Bible tells us to "study to show thyself approved", and we certainly should not minimize the learning process. However, the student is more than just a number on a computer; he is a personal being, with his own individuality and spiritual need. Therefore, his education is not only geared to his academic need, but also his spiritual need for growth as a Christian. The Christian student is important also because a Christian or

Bible College could not function as such without him.

The first observation that I made upon my arrival was that these young people are different. I don't mean they are different in relation to Christians at other institutions. Rather, they are different in the sense of being different from the world system, in so far as young people are concerned. You might ask, in what ways are they different?

First of all, they are different in the way they look. They aren't mad at the world or trying to rebel against authority. This can be seen in their countenance, because they reflect the testimony of their relationship with the Lord. Not only do they look different as far as their countenance is concerned, but they dress differently, and this is also reflective of their Christian testimony.

Secondly, they are different in what they say; in their conversation. Many young people today like to tell off-color jokes or even go so far as to take God's name in vain; but not so here. How wonderful it is to listen to clean conversation; to hear people talk about the things of God instead of talking about the things of the world. It's also a blessing to hear testimonies of what God has done for them; they praise God instead of blaspheming Him. This is another proof that when Christ comes into people's hearts and lives, they are changed, even to the extent that they talk differently.

Thirdly, I have observed that the students think differently. You might ask, how can it be known what someone thinks? It can't be known; however, I can tell by their lives that their thought life is not characterized by sin. Not only in this sense, but also they think differently about doctrinal issues. They know why they believe that something is right or wrong. No one has to tell them that use of drugs and alcoholic beverages is wrong. They have thought these things out in the light of God's Word, and know that such things are contrary to the Word of God. True, all students here don't think alike, but basically I believe their thought life is channeled in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

Lastly, these Christian young people act differently. There is something dynamic or alive in their lives. They have all the zeal and vitality of youth, but it too is being channeled in a good and right way. This is important, because it is the outward manifestations that others see. If we don't act like Christians, then our testimony is hurt. I'm sure you have heard the statement: "I just don't think a Christian ought to act that way". The old cliché "actions speak louder than words" is certainly true. When we talk about actions, we should narrow it down to not merely our everyday actions, but also what we are doing for the Lord. Here, also, I have made a few observations as to what these young people are doing for God, which I think could well fit in with this thought that Christians act differently.

There are many areas of opportunity for service to the Lord, and the students are active in

these areas. Instead of burning down buildings, they are burning out their lives for God.

The college campus itself is a place of service. The question might arise as to how could there be opportunity when most students are Christians. Being human, we don't live as close to the Lord as we should, and it is so important for our soul's welfare that we stay close to God. Even as Christians, young people have spiritual needs, whether it be a specific problem or some weak area in their spiritual life. The students are genuinely concerned for one another, and this is where service is being rendered. Many of them have had a spiritual need met by having fellow students pray with them in the dormitory or elsewhere. Of course, the married students do not have the privilege of being involved in dormitory life; however, there are various groups and activities on campus to which both married and single students belong. These groups sponsor projects, revivals, and other activities for the welfare of the school. Prayer and daily devotions are vital parts of the students' life. Revivals have broken out on Christian college campuses as a result of prayer for the Holy Spirit to move on the scene.

Students here at Free Will Baptist Bible College also contribute to the local churches. Many of them are Sunday school teachers, song leaders, Church Training Service workers, and some are pastors. Most of the Free Will Baptist Churches in this area have some kind of visitation program in which many students participate.

Not only do they render a service to the local churches, but they also serve the community as a whole. To a large extent, this is through personal evangelism, either by word of mouth witness or by the passing out of gospel tracts. In any large city there is a substantial amount of evil and sin, so the need for this kind of ministry is great. Many of the students work and give a Christian witness on the job. There is also an intangible witness and that is their influence on the community. In this particular area, I have to be somewhat biased to Free Will Baptist Bible College. When I first arrived here I was impressed with the good influence the college had in this community, and this is not found too often. The Christian students at this institution have a great deal to do with this influence.

The students also have a tremendous influence on this denomination. I think this would be true of other Christian colleges as well, if they were fundamental Bible teaching ones. Even while students are in college they provide a service to the denomination, by touring our churches as members of choirs, quartets, preaching teams, and in summer missionary activities. Upon graduation, they serve as ministers, Christian education directors, laymen, and in other areas. The Free Will Baptist denomination can well attribute its success in a large part upon its educational institutions.

All of these areas of service is indicative of the fact that Christian students on a Christian college campus are active in service on the campus itself, the

local churches, the community, the denomination, and above all, to God.

I believe there are some advantages in attending a Christian institution.

One of the most important advantages is that a Christian institution is a stabilizer in the life of a young Christian. True, some students may come and not have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and will find Him as their Saviour. However, some students will start college and not really have grown spiritually in the Lord. During their college training they formulate some fundamental Bible principles by which to live, and these principles will be a vital part of their Christian experience as long as they live. They may not have any real goal or purpose in life, or know what the will of God is for them, and in the Christian atmosphere God deals with them, and they discover His will. Others may be torn asunder by false doctrines and find the one and only true doctrine of Salvation through Jesus Christ. I'm sure it must be rewarding for the faculty and administrators of any Christian college to see students yet babes in Christ, grow and mature in the Lord.

Another advantage is that most students at a Christian college have similar fundamental beliefs concerning the basic doctrines of Christianity. There may be differences of opinion, but it is good to know that basically most others believe the same as you do.

Christian fellowship has to be an advantage. There seems to be a oneness among Christian students. For instance, if a tragedy happens to a student, all feel the burden. The Christian campus offers many opportunities for Christian fellowship, whether it be on the athletic field, in the gym, or in the various other activities.

No Christian college could function without a dedicated faculty and administration. I'm sure that most of them could teach or work elsewhere for more money; however, they have realized the need for good Bible instruction in the training of young minds. They are concerned about each individual student's welfare, whether it be spiritual, financial, or some other area. This means a lot to the student, because some have become homesick or discouraged, and a counselling session with a faculty member or administrator has made a big difference.

Perhaps the most significant advantage is the fact of the total Christian atmosphere and environment. Many have had to do some soul searching because they could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in chapel, on campus, or in the classroom.

A few nights ago, six young people were tragically killed when one of two cars drag racing on a city street hit the side of a switch engine. These young people were out looking for a thrill. What a tragic loss of potential as a result of these young lives being snuffed out.

I'm thankful for the many fine Christian young people everywhere whose thrill is not taking LSD or being immoral; but from serving Christ.

The next time you become discouraged at the

way things are going in this world, just look around your church and take notice of the fine Christian young people there, and multiply this by the many churches, and it will encourage you. The next time you are on a college or university campus, take notice of the decent Christian youth, and that will also encourage you.

Yes, the world is full of sin, as it always has been, and our young people are subjected to it, but there are those who have settled some Christian principles, and are determined to live for Christ. They will be unpopular, called a "square", and be scoffed at. They did the same to our Lord. Let's remember them and hold them up to God in prayer.

I'm thankful to be a student at a Christian

college. My prayer is that Christian young people at all colleges and universities will hold the banner of Christ high to let a sinful world know that not all young people are bad. There are those who want to live right and pure for God.

Don Turner is an honor student at Free Will Baptist Bible College. He attended Olivet Nazarene College and Mineral Area Junior College before going to Nashville to study for the ministry. Don is a junior; is married and has two children; and is from Rivermines. This fine Christian young man is able to capably discuss the problems of his generation because he has found The Answer to those problems.

Urbana70

WHERE IS THE CHURCH today? We are in the same position as the Church of 1920. That is, either involved in missions evangelism or current social issues. The "evangelicals" seem always concerned only about men's souls while the "liberals" desire only to deal with the current social needs and issues. The Church seems not to be able to master the great basic quality that Jesus demonstrated in having a very basic concern for both. This fact could have been part of the concern, indeed, was part of the concern, which stirred eleven Southwest Missouri State College students and over eleven thousand other students to attend the 9th Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Missionary Convention. That fabulous week, December 27, 1970-January 1, 1971, at the University of Illinois will be remembered by most as "Urbana '70."

At Urbana we were involved in daily dorm-group Bible studies, tremendous General Assembly meetings each morning and evening, and afternoons spent in private discussions with Missions Counselors from more than 90 Mission Boards from over the world, or attending various elective workshops of the 39 offered. It was a full week, filled with work, prayer, spiritual uplift, and learning. You were better for having attended.

Dr. John Scott, rector of All Souls Church, London; Chaplain to the Queen of England; and author of *Basic Christianity*, spoke daily at 10:00 a.m. on the "Upper Room Discourse" from John 13-17. The power and spirit of these expositions set

the stage well for each morning's program. Each person attending was challenged by the other speakers: Peter Wagner, "What is Evangelism?"; George Taylor, "Racial Tensions Overseas and World Evangelism"; Ted Ward, "Options for Overseas Service and World Evangelism"; Samuel Kamaleson, "The Local Church and World Evangelism"; Samuel Escobar, "Social Concern and World Evangelism"; Myron Augsberger, "Revolution and World Evangelism"; Warren Webster, "How to Prepare for a Foreign Experience in World Evangelism"; and Byang Kato, "The National Church—Does it Want Us?" Each morning session was followed by a period of questions directed to the speakers from the floor.

The afternoons were filled with 39 different elective session workshops and a great variety of short discussion sessions from which you could choose. Also there was opportunity to have personal discussions with mission board representatives. Each of nearly 90 boards represented at Urbana had a display on the floor of the Armory Building with a wealth of literature and personal consultation available with the representatives on hand. I took advantage of this by talking with missionaries who are working among American Servicemen overseas and talking with an old missionary about raising prayer and financial support for the Christian Servicemen's Center my wife and I will be directing in Panama.

The evening assemblies were back in the "mushroom", University of Illinois' architecturally famous Assembly Hall, with Canadian Bernie Smith

directing the music. After singing we were encouraged and challenged by a world survey of what is happening in Christian circles. This was presented by two enthusiastically-young old men: Dennis Clark, author of *The Third World and Mission*, and C. Stacy Woods, General Director of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. It was encouraging to hear how God is at work in the student world, especially in those countries where Christian worship is banned by the governments but not limited by the power of the Gospel. "The light still shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out." (John 1:5 Phillips)

The evening speakers: David Howard, Missionary Director of I.V.C.F., U.S.A., "Student Power in World Evangelism"; Tom Skinner, evangelist and author of *Black and Free*, "U.S. Racial Crisis and World Evangelism"; Paul Little, Director of Urbana '70 and author of *How to Give Away Your Faith*, "God's Will for Me and World Evangelism"; Leighton Ford, with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and author of *The Great Persuader*, "Is Man Really Lost?"; and John W. Alexander, President of I.V.C.F., U.S.A. of Madison, Wisconsin, "Where Do We Go From Here In World Evangelism" all challenged us to deeper thought and deeper commitment.

Following each day's events, students gathered in their living quarters for short times of sharing and prayer before the all-too-short-night's rest.

The last evening together, New Year's Eve,

was highlighted by a watch-night Communion Service conducted by Rev. John Stott. After the Communion "We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord," words of the hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love," broke out spontaneously throughout the Assembly Hall as students filed out.

Trains, buses, planes, and cars leaving for California, New York, Canada, Hawaii, Latin America, and all parts of the world took home nearly twelve thousand young people stirred up for Christ. Our car was filled with singing, sharing, praying, and sleeping. One of the girls who attends the University of Missouri, Columbia, said, "'Urbana '70' is not over, it is just beginning." So be it!

Paul Griffith is a Graduate student at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield. As he states in his article, he plans to go to Panama to direct a Christian Servicemen's Center. His wife is an Education Instructor at Southwest Missouri State and teaches Home Ec in the S.M.S. Training School, Greenwood. They hold noontime Bible study and prayer sessions in her classroom for Inter-Varsity students who can attend. I have never asked Paul and his wife what church they belong to, their living Christian testimony has never made that seem necessary for "We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord." "Urbana '70" was truly one of the greatest experiences of my life. I went with the SMS young people because I am Faculty Advisor to the interdenominational Christian group of young people that make up Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (I.V.C.F.) on our campus. I consider it a God-sent privilege to so serve.—Editor



Ed. Note: I was somewhat upset that no letter was available for the Missions Mailbox, when I received one from Brother Jim McAllister that is Missions enough to suit me. I'm sure all who know Brother Mark would be happy for my privilege to heartily second the appreciation expressed. Pray much and give generously to our Home Missions Program.

CAPITOL CITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Frank Giunta and family who recently moved to Jefferson City under the auspices of the State Mission Board, have launched out upon a new work for the salvation of lost souls and the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

Immediately following his arri-

val, he began making personal contacts which resulted in the first prayer meeting and Bible study conducted in the home of Wayne and Lucy Largent, January 26, with seven people attending. After the meeting, it was decided to hold regular Tuesday night services in homes until a building or central place of worship could be obtained.

In the interim and for the next few weeks Rev. Giunta will be doing itinerant work over the state seeking your support. When he is in your area, please make arrangements to attend services with great expectations of gaining a spiritual understanding of his visionary hopes.

Pray for this work! Your state government leaders and workers are in desperate need of spiritual revival.

If anyone in the state is acquainted with a person or family living in the Jefferson City area who should be visited or may be seeking a Free Will Baptist Church for worship, please contact Rev. Frank Giunta, 1317 Moreland Avenue, Jefferson City, Mo., or Wayne Largent, 724 Belair Drive, Jefferson City, Mo.

Who knows, the time it takes to write a letter, the price of a stamp, and a prayer could make the difference where one person will spend eternity.

Dr. LaVerne Miley, medical missionary to the Ivory Coast, and Bill Fulcher, missionary to Panama, both continue to travel extensively on itinerary. Remember to pray for them particularly during these winter months when travel conditions are often hazardous. The Mileys and the Fulchers expect to return to their respective fields of service in early summer.

Fred and Evelyn Hersey are beginning preparations for furlough which begins this summer. Pray that their travel arrangements, etc. will be made with a minimum of complications.

Jim and Olena McLain request prayer for their church in Sapporo, Japan. They are seeking land to purchase for a new church and are waiting on the Lord's direction. The next year will be a very busy one for the McLains and the Calverys after they return from furlough. Special evangelistic ef-

forts are planned for the 1972 Winter Olympics which will be held in Sapporo.

Dear Brother Altis:

I was sitting here in my office this morning when the phone rang. Dick Horner was on the phone. Mr. Horner has been a patient in the Cancer Hospital in Columbia for about four months. When he entered the hospital I sent his name to Brother Mark Vandivort, our Free Baptist pastor in Columbia. Today, February 3, Mr. Horner called me to tell me he was not at home and to express his appreciation to me for telling Brother Vandivort about him. He said, "That is the finest man I've ever met." He told me that Brother Mark visited so much and he always read scripture and had prayer with him. He said, "He always cheered me up when he called on me, and the ladies of his church brought me and my roommate the biggest dinner one day."

We can thank God for Brother Vandivort and the Columbia Church. Only Heaven will record the number of people he has blessed. Thank God for Missouri State Home Missions that has provided this church and this good man in Columbia.

Jim McAllister



Pictured in this photo are those attending the second prayer meeting and Bible study conducted in the parsonage by Rev. Frank Giunta. Rev. Mark Vandivort, pastor of the Columbia Church, who took the photograph rounds out the 11 in attendance at that service.

Missouri National Home Missions Giving

Melba White	\$ 10.00
Myrtle Church	5.00
D. E. Tinsley	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Fellowship (Flat River)	45.00
Jones Chapel C.T.S.	5.00
South Side	25.00
Fredericktown, First	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Presley	60.00
Rockview Ladies Auxiliary	6.00
New Home	10.00
Mrs. Ollie Smith	2.00
Vernon E. Long	20.00
Bethel (Festus)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Patton	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Barr	5.00
Willow Springs	19.23
Salem, First	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Riggs	100.00
Mtn. Grove, First	89.79
Richwoods	9.00
Victory	35.42
Mt. Pisgah	17.00
Grant Avenue	33.00
Berkeley, Primary Dept.	20.00
Fellowship (Flat River)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Denton	5.00
Fellowship Class (Farmington)	10.00
Fredericktown Ladies Aux.	15.00
Columbia	11.00
Parkview	5.00
Missouri Cooperative	385.60
WNAC	11.70
TOTAL	\$1,069.74
Balance on Quota	\$15,930.26

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First Church Waynesville	\$ 11.00
Coppermines Church	27.00
Olivet Church	64.00
Verdella Church	8.90
Parkview Church	15.00
Twin Oake Church	7.00
Rock Chapel Church	12.50
Cuba Church	6.00
New Rock Springs Church	28.50
Calvary Church	6.00
Union Church	10.00
Myrtle Church	15.02
Alton Church	6.37
Fourth Church	40.00
First Church Flat River	42.50
Victory Church	80.86
Hannon Church	40.15
New Home Church	20.00
Farmington Church	31.00
Belton Church	10.00
First Church West Plains	119.56
First Church Mtn. Grove	67.79
First Church O'Fallon	5.00
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Fellowship Church	63.00
Braxine Evans	15.00
First Church St. Joseph	10.34
Leadington Church	10.00
Grant Avenue Church	130.00
Lone Star Church	27.38
Easyville Methodist Church	30.00
Harmony Quarterly Meeting	25.00
Grace Church	39.22
Overland Church	51.50
St. Louis Dist. Quarterly Mtg.	89.52
Central Western Association	38.87
First Church Monett	75.00
Cooperative Receipts - Jan.	931.19
Total	\$2225.17

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CHURCHES

PEOPLE and EVENTS



Rev. Howard Hensley has assumed the pastorate of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. Originally from Couch, Missouri, he has been pastoring the Free Will Baptist Church in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Rev. Hensley and his wife have three daughters: Denise, 5; Beverly, 4; and Kristi, 8 months.

Other pastoral changes of which the *GEM* has received notice are: Rev. Bob Dickey to the Oskaloosa Church, and Rev. C. T. Christensen to the Hickory Grove Church. May God richly bless these men as we hold them up in prayer.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Missouri held a ground breaking ceremony on Sunday afternoon, January 31.

With the State of Missouri's approval on a \$40,000 bond program the church will begin construction soon. The church began as a mission in the spring of 1966.

In June of 1967 it was organized into a church with 23 members. Since its beginning, there has been a continued growth with new members being received each year. A new church building has become necessary to continue the normal growth of the church. -

The present pastorate is held by the Rev. Donald W. Lombard. Rev. Lombard and his wife Carolyn Sue came to the church in July of 1970 from Bryan-College Station, Texas, where he pastored the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church.

If you are interested in purchasing a bond, please contact Rev. Don Lombard, 716 Sandy Lane, O'Fallon, Missouri. The parsonage telephone number is 272-5927.

The Independence Free Will Baptist Church near Stockton was host to the Fifth Sunday Meeting of Central Western Association, January 31, 1971. Following Sunday School, Rev. Elwood Perry, host pastor, brought an inspiring message, "How Do We Measure," from Revelations Chapter 11. Congregational singing called the afternoon session together after the delicious meal. Rev. Bob Dickey brought the devotion from Ephesians 6. Each of the ten churches of the Association were represented by delegates and on the program of special music and readings given in the afternoon. The offering was designated for the Capitol City Mission and Oskaloosa was chosen for the May meeting.

The Willow Springs near Mtn. Grove hosted the First Quarterly Meeting of the Mission Association, February 11. Speakers during the day were: Lynn Wood, George Bryant, Everett Hopkins, Carl Postlewaite, and Max Courtney. Devotions were given by the Moderator, Charles Horton and Assistant Moderator, Lester Lawler. Brother Harry Beatty visited with us and spoke in relation to the Missouri Cooperative Plan. Business of the day included: an offering of \$100.00 toward a bus for Mack Owens and \$50.00 for the recreational area at the Youth Camp; a report of the Youth

Camp Board and plans for improvement by Glenn Murray; report of the Committee on Teacher's Training School to be held at the Mtn. Grove Church the week of March 8, with N. R. Smith as instructor. Nineteen of the 24 churches in membership were represented by letter and delegates. It was truly a day of blessings in the Lord.

Wonderful services in the Lord are reported by Mill Creek Church reporter, Belle Coffey. The church requests the prayers of *GEM* readers in behalf of an "old fashioned revival" and that God will send the evangelist that can challenge the congregation and reach the lost for the Lord. The church certainly needs to be much concerned about God's work and especially the lost.

Rev. Johnie Hale has moved to Redding, California where he has been conducting services for the past two months under the sponsorship of the State Mission Board of California. It is their hope that through our united prayer support God will raise up a good Free Will Baptist Church in this town of around 50,000. If you know anyone living in the Redding area you may contact Johnie Hale, 2820 Churn Creek Road, Redding, California 96001 and help him in his effort to enlist Christian Soldiers for the Lord in Redding.



The DeSota Church reports that they are still enjoying the blessings of the Lord and the results of Evangelist Tom Malone spirit filled preaching in the revival just past are still being felt. The church was strengthened and some rededicated themselves to the Lord. Plans are now being made to move into their new building within the next few months. Your prayers are requested that God may do wonderful things through the church there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	JAN.
DeSota	84
Hannon	65
Hurryville	92
Lebanon	163
Mill Creek	42
Mine LaMotte	38
Monett	169
Mtn. Grove, First	261
Parkview, Desloge	109
Salem	41
Trinity	158
Victory	121
West Plains	142

We plan to keep a running monthly attendance in the *GEM* this year and would appreciate your attendance each month so it can be recorded. The number sent in this month were few, as you can see. It was called to my attention that an error was made in the October and November averages for the Hannon Church. October should be 63, not 29 and November should be 68, not 28. I'm truly sorry, guess I must be human after all. Trust I'm forgiven.—Ed.

A great moving of the Holy Spirit at the Overland Church is reported by Pastor Harry Asher. It began with a great revival with Evangelist Johnnie Land bringing Holy Spirit anointed messages. Thirty-six decisions were made in services that have made their impact felt on every service since. Four souls were saved in the Christmas program service; one lady past three score and ten years. Brother Land is truly anointed by the Holy Spirit as an evangelist and is highly recommended by Brother Asher and his congregation.

YOUTH NEWS

Pastor Lynn Wood and the Mtn. Grove Church hosted the Mission Association C.T.S. Youth Rally, February 20. Pleasant Home came out in first place in the six team Tic-Tac-Toe competition. This was the Herald's last chance at competition until the District Youth Rally which will be hosted by the Pleasant Home Church this spring. The Youth Congress approved the final draft of their Constitution and will have their primary organizational meeting next month. The March Rally will include Bible Bowl competition and a feature program with folk singer Dan Rydenstedt in a musical devotion of Christian folk music. Rock Chapel will host the Rally on March 20. We are especially happy for the new faces from the Salem Church and would be gladly welcome other churches in our Youth Work.

Pastor Vergel Maness of the Waynesville, First Church, sends good tidings of an energetic Youth Department in the church here. They maintain a weekly choir practice and lead the congregation each Sunday Evening in the Worship Service. The YPFC Newspaper is published monthly and has been a sell-out each of the three months of its publication. This Teen group would be interested in Pen Pals among the other Free Will Baptist Churches and will answer letters mailed to Young People for Christ, First

Free Will Baptist Church, P. O. Box 201, Waynesville, Missouri 65583. Monthly "RAP" session with the pastor are an activity of interest to gain the attention of and give a part in *today's* church as an insurance that *tomorrow's* church may come. Brother Maness joins with all other concerned pastors in emphasizing the need of our churches to channel and use the energy and imagination of our youth.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE NEWS

The CTS Department releases program personalities for the 1971 National Youth Conference.

Opening the youth services on Sunday night, July 11, will be David Wilkerson, author of the book, *The Cross and the Switchblade*.

Don Lonie, speaker for the Tuesday night youth banquet, hails from Detroit, Michigan. He has talked with more than a million students from coast to coast. Lonie will also be featured on Wednesday morning in a special youth service.

A unique youth rally Wednesday afternoon will feature The Conquerors, composed of Jonathan Thigpen and Vernon and Rodney Whaley, students at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Other program personalities include a Panamanian Duet and the Peacemakers from Japan. Various youth groups from the Nashville area will also be featured.

Correspondent Michele Halbrook reports the Hurryville Church hosted the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting, January 22 and 23. A surprise grocery shower climaxed the February 13 Fellowship Dinner at the church. February 12 the church maintained a 24 hour prayer vigil and established regular Saturday night services with a Youth Night February 20. The Lord is blessing as his people serve him at the Hurryville Church.

CAMPING NEWS

The Hillmont Engineer program will begin on June 20, 1971 and conclude at the end of National Association on July 15, 1971. Cost of the four-week program is \$150 and includes all expenses at the National.

News from Our Colleges



BIBLE COLLEGE ENROLLS 470 FOR YEAR

Forty-six new day students enrolled on January 5 as the Bible College began its second semester. Joining 389 students who were in school first semester, they boosted the 1970-71 day school enrollment to 435. Including Evening School registrants and those who attended the 1970 Summer Session, this brings the total Bible College enrollment to 470 for the current school year. This only slightly below last year's record enrollment of 480.

By classes, the students this year numbered 164 freshman, 137 sophomores, 67 juniors and 38 seniors. Twenty-nine enrolled as Special Students.

The Registrar's Office also announced that within this year's student body are 142 ministerial students and 36 studying for missionary service.

Thirty of the 46 second semester students are attending the Bible College for the first time.

BIBLE COLLEGE TO SPONSOR CHOIR AND DRAMA TOURS

Two student groups from Free Will Baptist Bible College will tour Free Will Baptist churches in Michigan and North Carolina during mid-semester break, March 18-29, the Public Relations Office has announced. The College Choir has planned to visit the Detroit area on its 18th annual tour, while a dramatic group makes the Col-

lege's first Drama Tour, visiting 13 churches along the eastern seaboard.

The 35-voice Bible College Choir, under the direction of Mr. David Randlett, will present a well-rounded program of anthems, hymns, and gospel songs, including "It's Real," "Crown Him," and a medley on the salvation experience. The school's brass quartet and trumpet trio will accompany the choir on some numbers. Also performing on the program will be the Gleaners Trio and the Victorymen Quartet. The 1971 choir program has been entitled, "Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God."

Two plays, "Release" and "Daniel and The Tempter," will be performed each evening on Drama Tour by a company of 14 students, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Thigpen and Mr. Joseph Jones. The purpose of this tour is to present the gospel through the medium of Christian drama. Such productions have been presented on campus in the past, with numbers making decisions for Christ.

Eighty-two students are on the Bible College's first semester Honor Roll. Five of Missouri's 19 students reached the goal: Senior Eddie Vincent, Lebanon; Juniors Donald Turner, Rivermines and Stephanie Vincent, Kirksville; and Sophomores Judy Hovis, Richmond Heights and Gary Matthews, Raytown.

Missouri has reached the 54%-mark toward the General Fund goal of \$13,500.00, with contributions of \$7,338.11 to date. That figure is \$1,457.59 more than this time last year, but still slightly behind where it should be in relationship to the approximately 59% that should be now paid in. Expansion Program payments are \$19,999.74 to date with \$1,244.95 yet in unpaid commitments.

OBC NEWS

MOORE, OKLAHOMA—The Ok-

lahoma Bible College has announced the dates of two annual events to be hosted during the month of March 1971.

The Junior-Senior Days are designed to give prospective students a preview of the educational program and life as a student of Oklahoma Bible College. The event will be held beginning on Friday evening, March 12, and climaxing on Saturday afternoon, March 13. Prospects from the five-state region surrounding the College are expected to be present. Overnight accommodations will be available *only* for juniors and seniors who make prior reservations with the Business Office.

The Missionary Conference will unite the only medical doctor affiliated with the Free Will Baptist foreign missions program, Dr. LaVerne Miley of Ivory Coast, West Africa, and Brazilian missionary Sammy Wilkinson, with the Reverend Homer Willis, director of the Home Missions Department, in an effort to better acquaint students and visitors with the denomination's missionary endeavors. The Conference will begin Wednesday evening, March 17, and conclude Friday evening, March 19. All evening services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Moore, 507 East Main Street. The day services will be held in the College chapel.

NAME SUGGESTIONS BEING SOUGHT

OBC President J. D. O'Donnell also announces that the Board of Trustees is seeking suggestions for a new name for the College. Any Free Will Baptist who would like to suggest a possible name is asked to submit it to Dr. O'Donnell by April 15, 1971. A committee of the Board will screen all suggestions and offer a possible change at a meeting of the Board in late April. Usage of the name chosen by the State Association of Free Will Baptists last October was denied by Oklahoma's Secretary of State John Rodgers because of its similarity to the name of another Oklahoma college.

Womans World



Berkley Woman's Auxiliary met February 3 for their regular monthly meeting. Opened by prayer, the meeting consisted of routine business and an excellent lesson. Plans were made to attend the Salem House Banquet to be sponsored by the South Side Auxiliary. Bad weather made attendance low.

\$10.00 for Capitol City Mission, \$25.00 for the District Project; and Plans for a Sweetheart Banquet for the Young People as a means for raising money for the Bill Fulchers Account. The meeting closed with prayer.

Eleven members of the West Plains Woman's Auxiliary met February 1 for regular monthly meeting. The well presented lesson "Will God Speak to Me" emphasized prayer. A full schedule of business included: A letter from the Tom Willey's, Jr. of Panama; Hospital gifts for two young men from the church; Plans for a Pink and Blue Shower; Financial aid of \$10.00 for Tom Willey, Jr.,

Six visitors joined nine members of the Bethel Woman's Auxiliary of Festus for their February 2 meeting. After opening prayer and devotion the lesson "Will God Speak to Me" was discussed and ended with testimonies on answered prayer. Making bandages for the Medical Missionaries is the starter for a planned Missionary Chest. Mrs. Henderson was welcomed as a new member of the Auxiliary and the group was dismissed with prayer.

Nancy Ferguson, Corresponding Secretary of the South Side Woman's Auxiliary reports that God blessed them in a special way when their February 15 enlistment banquet developed into more than an enlistment banquet. The entire St. Louis District Woman's Auxiliary and their husbands was invited to hear special guest speaker, Mrs. Mabel Willey. Approximately 70 from eight churches were represented at the Salem House Cafeteria banquet and service. Rev. and Mrs. Sasser from Florida and State President, Brenda Evans attended as special guests.

Following a time of good fellowship during the dinner hour special music by Sherry Kamp and Mrs. Sasser opened the service, Brenda Evans led in the opening prayer and Mrs. Willey was introduced.

Mrs. Willey challenged and inspired her listeners for missions as she shared with them many things which burdened her heart for Cuba. The following prayer items are some of those mentioned. May we share these prayer burdens by praying: 1) That the doors will be opened and visa's available for Mrs. Willey to return to Cuba, 2) The Cuban Bible Institute can be reopened. Persecution seems to make the Christians stronger, but the Missionaries and school are needed, 3) That a Cuban pastor now living in Spain will be able to effectively reach people in that country for Christ. They are eager to hear the word and are meeting in homes for prayer and Bible study, 4) That God will bless in a very real way in the work of Tom Willey, Jr. in Panama and the opening of a Bible Institute there, also that God will direct and move among the nationals there that many more may be reached and kept in the Lord.

The evening ended with Bible reading and prayer and hearts burdened for missionaries.

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PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

MORE THAN FORTY National and State promotional men and moderators, plus other interested persons, convened in our semi-annual meeting January 4-7, at Hillmont Camp near Nashville. The general theme of this meeting was: true revival and how to attain genuine revival.

Pastor John Rogers and Oak Hill Church did a fine job hosting Madison County Quarterly meeting Friday evening, January 8, and Saturday, January 9. Rev. Lloyd Durbin preached Friday evening and Rev. Don Jones spoke Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning, January 10, I delivered the sermon in Twin Oaks Church and preached the evening service in Copper Mines Church.

January 22 I attended the Friday evening service in St. Francis County District Meeting held with Hurryville Church. The youth had charge of the special singing and preaching service. Some young people came forward during the altar invitation. I was given time to explain Missouri's 1971 Cooperative Fund allocations. Each of their churches regularly support the Cooperative Program. Pastor Darrell Morris reports several souls have been saved there this quarter.

St. Louis District convened Saturday, January 23, with Berkley Church. A fine delegation was present from each church. Rev. Andy Lay delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. Plenty of time was given for our Cooperative Program. Oklahoma Bible College trustee, Andy Lay received some time in behalf of the college. Missionary Frank Giunta was on hand rallying support for our work in Jefferson City. Pastor Burton and the Berkley Church did a fine job hosting

this meeting. The St. Louis District gave an offering to both Oklahoma Bible College and the Jefferson City Mission.

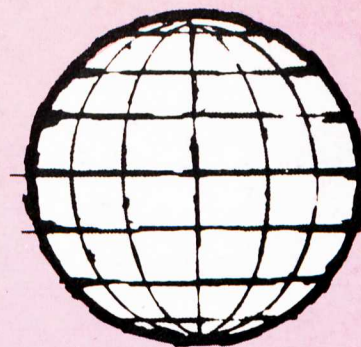
Harmony Quarterly meeting assembled Friday evening, January 29 and Saturday, January 30. Rev. Davis delivered the message Friday evening and Home Missionary Giunta the Saturday, 11:00 a.m. service with Rev. Adkisson preaching the 2:00 p.m. message. They gave time Saturday for our Missouri Cooperative Program. They also gave an offering to the Jefferson City work. Happy Home recently built three nice Sunday School rooms on their church. They also recently adopted the Cooperative Plan. Rev. Marler is pastor.

Pleasant Ridge Church hosted Nian-gua District and Fifth Sunday Meeting January 30-31. Ministers preaching were Robert Long, Scurlock, Douglas, and Brother Beatty.

Faith Gospel Singers of Conway were featured in the special gospel singing Sunday afternoon at the Waynesville Church. I preached the evening sermon.

At the six month point, we are more than half way to our \$56,000.00 goal in Cooperative giving.

Remember that Holman, Collins, Oxford, Cambridge, Marked Color Zonder-von, Thompson, and World Bibles are all available from your Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.



JANUARY COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Belton	\$145.00
Berli's Chapel	28.82
Farmington	189.44
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Byrd Church	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	18.50
Mt. Pisgah	25.00
Hannon	65.28
New Home	41.37
Houston	77.00
Thayer	52.20
Berkley	316.47
Olivett	105.00
Leadington	103.96
Grace	377.66
Twin Oaks	75.00
Gray Summit	25.52
Mill Creek	92.86
Granby	12.12
Hurryville	106.00
New Harmony S.S.	17.48
Fourth	141.00
Cabool	48.14
Mtn. Grove	282.40
O'Bethel	20.20
Marshfield	12.92
Salem	20.00
Bethel (Festus)	40.00
Aulsbury Chapel	120.62
New Rock Springs	20.00
Rock Chapel	18.18
Carterville	25.74
Happy Home	23.66
Beacon	135.58
Jones Chapel	20.00
Richwoods	108.54
Monett	205.48
Cuba	95.00
Copper Mines	50.00
Hickory Grove	15.26
Verdella	34.28
Trinity	130.00
Desoto	134.00
Fellowship	50.00
Jones Chapel	10.00
Willow Springs	66.64
Mtn. Valley	81.92
Cope	29.30
Belton	72.00
West Plains, First	95.00
Leadington	145.62
Kirksville	30.00
South Side	235.45
St. Joseph, First	20.69
Parkview	164.89
Royal Oaks	85.37
Beacon	214.44
Cedar Ridge	62.77
10% from FWBBC to Foreign Missions	6.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,966.39

DISBURSEMENTS

00.25% Superannuation	12.42
01.00% C.T.S. & S.S.	49.67
04.00% GEM	198.68
04.00% Youth Camp	198.68
07.00% General Fund	347.65
16.00% Promotional	794.56
18.75% Home Missions	931.19
51.00% Total 7 Mo. Depts.	2,532.85
03.00% O.B.C.	149.00
00.50% Theo. Com.	24.82
01.00% Layman Bd.	49.67
01.50% R.E.A.P.	74.48
03.00% C.T.S.	149.00
07.00% Home Missions	347.65
10.00% Executive	496.64
10.00% FWBBC	496.64
less designated	6.97
13.00% Foreign Missions	645.63
plus designated	6.97
46.00% Total 8 Nat. Depts.	\$2,284.54
100.00% Total Disbursements	\$4,966.39