

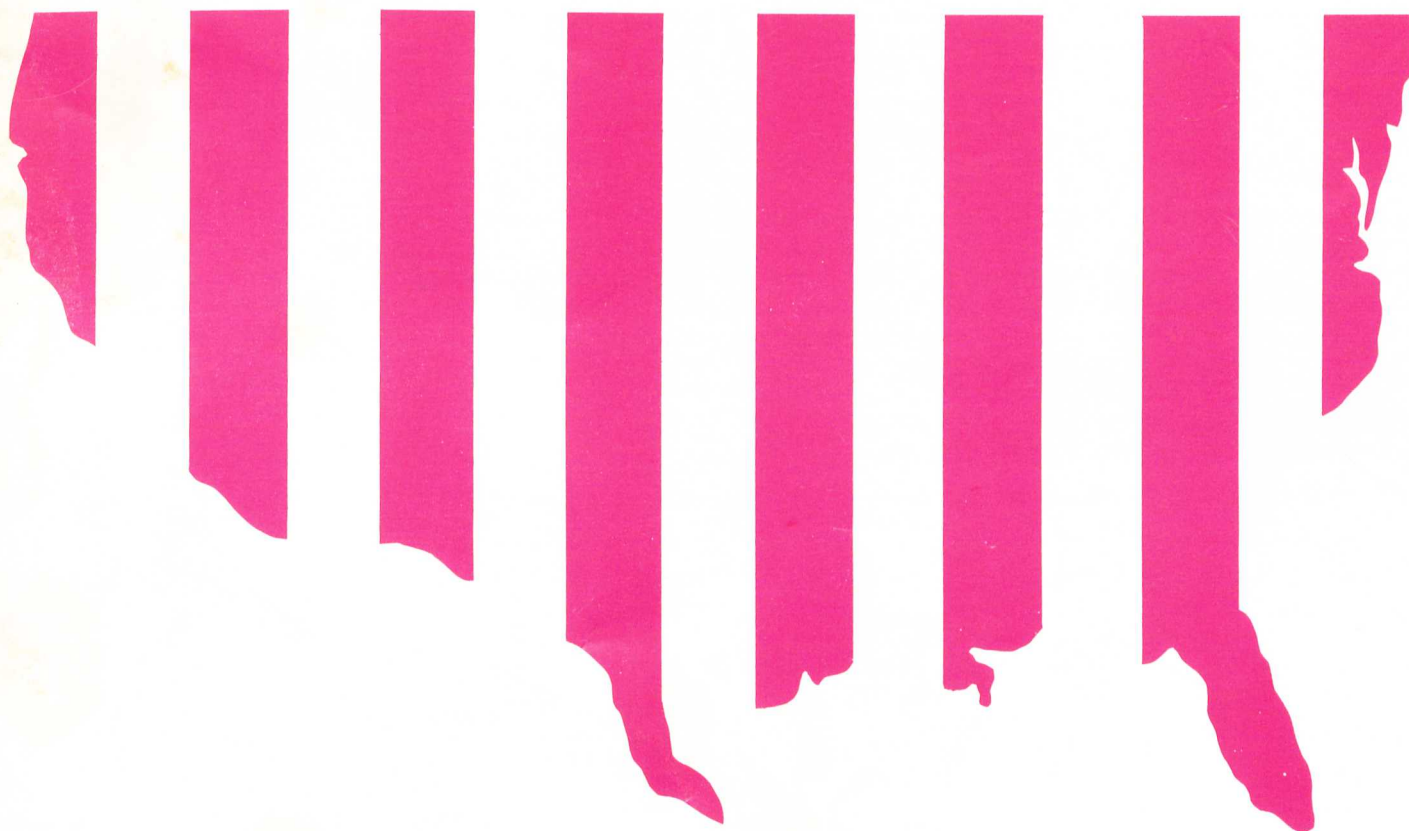
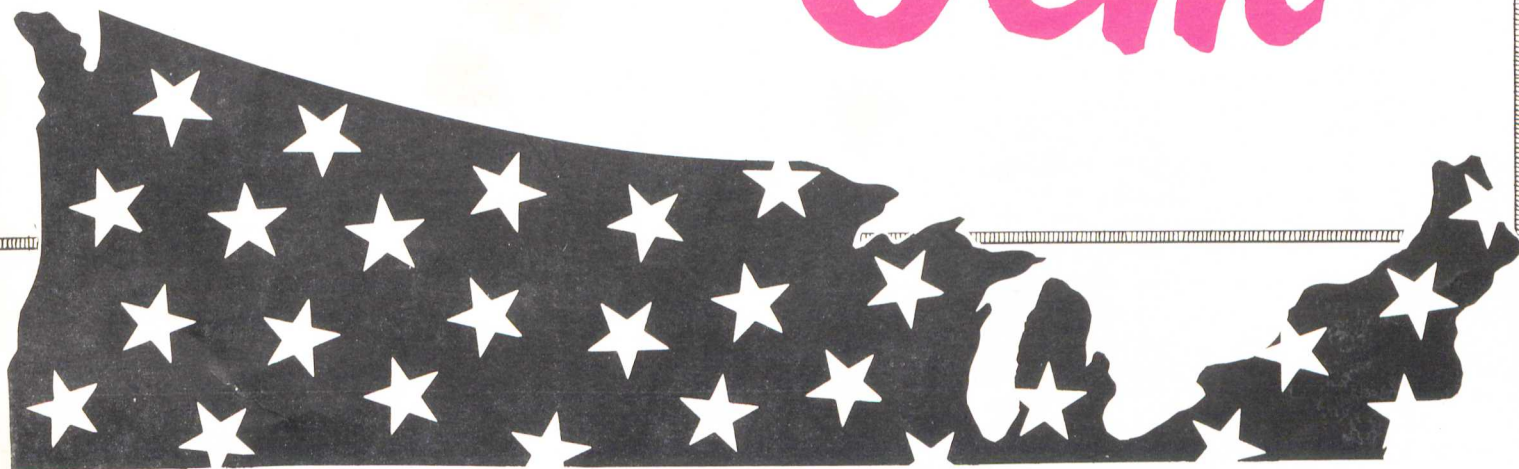


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Personal from the Editor



Within the lifetimes of most of us, a **highly unusual** phenomenon has developed in our country. Interest in the church and religion has been on the rise, while at the same time the level of national morality has been on the decline. Religious book sales have never been higher. The **BIBLE** is still the world's "best seller". Movies dealing with biblical themes have been box-office hits. Gospel music has even invaded the night club and the Hit Parade. New churches have sprung up everywhere and membership rolls have never been longer.

But that is only one side of the coin. On the other is the highest crime rate we have ever experienced, ethical laxity in business and government, more divorces and broken homes than ever before, skyrocketing rates of juvenile delinquency, and record numbers of alcoholics and drug addicts.

All of this raises a vital question: How can we possibly lay claim to being a Christian nation if our Christianity has so little effect on our behavior? What good is our religious observance of Sunday if it has no relationship to the rest of the week? Faith and worship are not much unless they are somehow connected to thoughts and acts.

Some thoughtful Christian observers have rightly noted a trend and a feeling among people of our day that what goes on in church is often not related to real life. One observer offers this biting commentary:

"They're praising God on Sunday.

They'll be all right on Monday.

It's just a little habit they've acquired."

How odd it is that anything like this could happen to the Christian faith! Look again at its source, Jesus Christ, and it becomes no less amazing that the religion He founded

could ever be divorced from real life. For Him it was the exact opposite, and His whole life was a living demonstration that religion and life are one. For Him Christianity was of one piece. His concepts of God, faith, life, ethics, and morality were all of the same basic essence. His ministry was always on Main Street, where the action was.

We remember that He was born not in a palace, but in a stable. He grew up learning to be a carpenter, not an altar boy. His companions were found among shepherds, fishermen, farmers, lawyers, widows, and travelers. His place was in the world of the marketplace, the fishing boat, and the grainfields. When He died it was outside the city walls at a rubbish heap, and in death, His body was displayed not between two tall candles in a cathedral, but between two criminals on crosses. His was no detached, isolated ministry; it was among people. The real world was His parish.

Jesus had no use for the idea that religion is mainly a matter for the professionals in the business. He paid little heed to segregated orders of priests or ministers and laid no emphasis on sacred and separate holy places for precise religious ritual. Jesus taught that God is One, and that He rules the world which He made for man's home—a place where deeds and thoughts can be as valid acts of worship as prayers and sermons. He taught that the Sabbath was arranged for man's refreshment and enlightenment, but that the rest of the week is just as holy for acting out the values inspired on Sunday.

One of the best proofs we have that Jesus Christ made religion a living reality is found in the people He selected to do His work. It is interesting to note that He didn't go to the Temple to sign up the most devout priests to be His companions, and that He didn't seek out the services of the best theological students of His day. Instead, he picked a rather motly group of common people—a few fisherman, a tax collector, some laborers. He found people who would carry His religion to Main Street, because that is where they lived. He knew that men like Peter, James and John wouldn't take His religion into the clouds and keep it in sterile isolation from daily life.

One of the main causes of today's gap between Sunday's worship and Monday's practice is the failure of Christians like ourselves to realize that they are ministers of Christ as much as any ordained clergyman. Maybe you don't

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earn your living from it, but each of you has a place in the Christian ministry. It is the "Reverend Mr. You" who has the job. It was the regular Christian layman who spread the First Century Church so many are always hoping to return to. Not even one of the Apostles had been to the church at Antioch until it was ready to be organized.

That is Christ's way, and we are bound to it. Christ's people can't just stand by and be onlookers. They are His ministers! They have just as much claim to the ministry of Jesus Christ as any professional in the business. A simple review of the history of Christianity will reveal this. It was only some years later that the idea of every man being a priest of God became lost in the organization of the church establishment. Much of what we call today the Reformation was devoted to restoring the idea expressed in 1 Peter 2:9, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." Martin Luther once wrote that every shoe cobbler can be a priest of God, and stick to his cobbler's bench while he does it.

Some men are called to be full-time pastors and ministers, and their efforts are vital to the Kingdom of God, but they are not the only ministers in the Church of Jesus Christ. Everyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour has a share in the ministry. Your ministry and mine are based on our own individual abilities and our closeness to everyday life as we live it and see it around us. It may be a ministry conducted over a workbench, a chow line, a typewriter, or a coffee cup, but it is a ministry as long as it reveals the goodness and power of Jesus Christ in what we say and do.

The real battles of the Christian faith are not fought within the walls of churches, but out on the street. They are fought by the people who live there. It is just as important to have an honest and faithful shopworker or clerk or mechanic as it is to have a lovely service in a church or chapel. It is just as important that we reflect the love of Christ in what we say and do as it is to listen to a sermon or sing a hymn. Impossible? No. Jesus tells us to simply put ourselves in His hands and like the fishermen called by Galilee, He will make us to become fishers of men.



by Terry McKinney

THE WHOLE WORLD, but especially young people are searching today. The desperate search is for happiness and truth. They try to find it in fast cars, wild parties, drink, and sex. But after a while it is obvious that neither happiness or truth can be found in these. Failing to find it in things that are "for real" they try to escape from reality. Escape into the hallucinogenic world of LSD or the high of marijuana, heroin, or some other drug. It is unfortunate that the search for such "good" things can be turned by the Devil into a "living hell".

It is no compliment to the church that so many have gone that way. We as Christians should put forth the necessary effort to show these people what they are looking for can be found only in a personal

relationship with Jesus Christ.

The happiness, or perhaps better said, the joy of a Christian does not mean that there are no problems or temptations. We have a place to go for help, that is the difference. "Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." God has promised us strength enough to overcome any temptation we have. That is part of the Great Truth. All we have to do is ask and then use the strength God gives us.

I believe a Christian should smile. After all, who has more to be thankful and happy about? We can have joy in our hearts even in times of sorrow because we know that when our job here is finished, God has a place of eternal happiness prepared for us. That is another part of the Great Truth. The joy I can express in a pleasant appearance and happy smile can let the world know I've found that special thing they are searching for, happiness and truth. I know I've found it because I am truly free in God's great love.

Terry McKinney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McKinney of Route 3, Mountain Grove. He is a member of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church where Ronnie Turner serves as pastor. We are thankful for young Christian men like Terry. May God make his happiness grow and his joy be complete as He directs his way in service for the Lord.



hiring the LABOURER

by James McAllister

Luke 10:7 "And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give; for the labourer is worthy of his hire."

Our Lord had appointed seventy disciples to go to every city and place where He was to preach and prepare the way for His coming. He told these men what he expected of them, and how their needs would be supplied. In verse two Jesus prophetically spoke concerning the shortage of preachers both in His day and ours. "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into His harvest."

Now much could be said concerning these verses. We could note that the *Harvests are the Lords*. We could say that the Lord sends the labourers into His Harvest fields, and we could deal with the pending judgment for those refusing to hear the message. But our subject today is "*Hiring the Labourers*" and that is sufficient for this message.

I. THE HARVEST IS GREAT, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW. The harvest is greater today than when Jesus spoke these words. Now we won't lose the war, but we are losing the battle for the souls of men. The church will win the war against Satan, but little good that will do the demented souls of men lost through our neglect. There are more communists than born again believers; more catholics than born again Christians; more followers of Buddha and Mohammed than followers of Christ. Atheism, Socialism, communism, the cults, and even witchcraft are all showing growth numerically, but we, the fundamental believers in Christ are growing in reverse. I think Jesus must have wept when he saw the greatness of the harvest, and He must weep

today when he sees the awful magnitude of the harvest of lost souls falling off into Hell. The size of the harvest is depressing enough, but that isn't all. He said, "The labourers are few." Practically every denomination is feeling the pinch of empty pulpits. Churches without pastors and unable to find them are the rule of the day. As great as the need for new churches, there is another need as great and that is to fill the empty pulpits now existing. I realize that we need to get laymen involved in the Lord's work; laymen need to do personal work, but if every layman in America now saved was totally involved, there would still be a crying need for preachers who are God called and trained, capable to preach and pastor. The labourers are few. There are few labourers in Free Will Baptists now. Churches are closing for lack of preachers, and church boards are frantically searching for pastors. These conditions exist now, and Jesus surely was speaking to Free Will Baptists when he said "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few."

II. PRAY FOR LABOURERS. He pleads, yea warns us to pray for labourers. God calls *His men* to labour in *His harvest*. The church is under obligation to pray for new labourers to be thrust into the field. Suppose a church is searching for a pastor, what should be the earnest prayer of that church? Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest. Every church needs a good, God called and God sent pastor to lead them, and every church needs to be praying that God will allow them to be a spiritual womb from which God sends forth labourers into other fields.

Why are there so few labourers? There are several answers to this question. Commitments are far too shallow; God is calling and few are listening; there is very little praying for the Lord to call

labourers into the field, the church seems to be occupied with other things; The Lord's labourers go forth as lambs among wolves, which is frightening enough, but they also learn quickly that some of the wolves are in the church, and some of them are other labourers; and there is no doubt that many times the labourer is attracted by more lucrative offers and goes into secular work proving that a pastor who can lead a congregation can also usually make a very good salary in the business world, and is quite often more successful than laymen in this work. Whatever the cause, the fact is that the labourers are few and getting fewer.

Prayer is the answer to this dilemma. Honest, truthful prayer. Prayer by people who sincerely want God to thrust forth men into the harvest fields. Prayer by people who will follow the leadership of the man God gives them. To pray that God will send a pastor, and then belittle, turn against him, or refuse to follow him is the lowest form of hypocrisy.

III. THE LABOURER IS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE. Our Lord said "The harvest truly is great," and all of us would agree. He said, "The labourers are few" and we say "Amen." He commanded us to pray for more labourers, and we all admit that we are responsible to obey. But this same Jesus said, "The labourer is worthy of His hire." This is true also. Teachers, farmers, brick layers, mechanics, butchers, and almost every other type of worker, either skilled or unskilled, has a union that brings them together under one organization. They ask, or demand better working conditions and better salaries. Not so with the preacher. He is at the mercy of a Church Board and congregation, who far too often is not sympathetic to his needs. Men, who expect and get a yearly increase in salary or strike, sit on church boards and never consider wage increases for the pastor. The cost of living has been going up from three to six percent per year, and most preachers salaries have not even kept up with that cost of living increase. Salaries increase with seniority, training, or experience in every field except the ministry. I heard a man preach the other night that Preachers had it made. He said "I've really got it made, I'm living better than ever." But you see, he not only was pastoring a church full time, but was also driving a school bus every day. This man is a detriment to the cause of Christ, not because he is driving a school bus, but because he tries to belittle the pastor getting a salary equal with other skilled, trained, professional men in the town. Long ago \$125.00 per week became the minimum for unskilled labourers, but it is still the goal set by Free Will Baptist Churches to pay their pastor who is experienced, skilled, and trained in his field. Most churches built their parsonages out of the pastors salary. Well, look at it this way. They considered the parsonage rent as part of his salary, and when he moved, he left the parsonage for the next preacher. However you want to look at it, he paid for your

parsonage.

Preachers are getting discouraged over low salaries that never seem to keep up with the times or costs. They are discouraged because they are lonely. The pastor can't have close friends in the church, and the time ended long ago when the church people invited the pastor and his family over for a friendly visit. They are discouraged by lack of cooperation. A preacher spends years preparing himself for his life work; he prays and plans and presents his program to the church, and finds it stopped by disenchanted, disinterested, short sighted members who refuse either to get excited or to follow his leadership. Now don't you dare condemn a preacher who quits preaching and takes a secular job. You who own your own home, and have never known what it is to live in make-do parsonages; some who have boot-legged the gospel and spent your life working six days and preaching one day; you who have lived all your life in the same town, whose children have never known the terror of being jerked up and moved to a new home, new school, and new friends simply because the church didn't want daddy anymore. Don't you condemn the preacher who gets tired of fighting and says "I quit." He will answer to God for quitting, but he doesn't have to answer to you. He owes you no excuse.

When you hire a labourer, or preacher use Christian principles. Don't keep him as poor as a mouse, because you will answer to God for doing so. He is a professional man, he has experience, he is trained. Treat him as such, or answer for your neglect. When a church calls a pastor she should pray that God will bring her and the man of God together. Never choose a preacher because of personality, but because you believe he is God's man for your church. Pay him as much as you can to start, and promise to adjust his salary with the growth of the church. Keep your promise. Make the parsonage fit his family's needs. Don't ask him to make his family needs fit the parsonage. After all, this is his home, it is included in his salary. If you choose, pay him the rent and he will buy a house that will fit his family needs, and it won't be one he will be ashamed to live in. Respect him. Show honor to God's man. Call him Brother, or Pastor; follow His leadership; trust him. If you can't trust him with your money, God help you if you trust him with your eternal soul. Pray for him. Don't talk about him. Ask God to give him strength to lead and bless you. Stand behind him and make sure he knows you are with him.

Hiring the preacher is eternal business. Some of us act like we were choosing the captain on a first grade soft-ball team. This man will make the difference in some lives as to whether they go to heaven or Hell. If he is God's man, follow him. He is worthy of his hire.

Brother James McAllister is pastor of the Monett Free Will Baptist Church.

Missouri State
Home Mission Giving
May 5 thru June 5, 1971

First Ch. Waynesville	43.00
Faith E. Lovelace	10.00
First Ch. Berkeley	20.00
Leonard Little	5.00
New Home Ch.	20.00
Mrs. Fae Davis	5.00
Rock Chapel Church	20.00
Hannon Church	87.73
Copper Mines Church	34.00
Grant Avenue Church	7.50
Ruth Hickman	1.00
Fourth Church	56.00
Tom Barr	10.00
Alton Church	10.00
Braxine Evans	15.00
Myrtle Church	10.90
Cuba Church	7.00
Beacon S.S. Class	4.40
Willow Springs Church	10.00
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
First Church West Plains	117.26
First Church Joplin	33.21
First Church Mtn. Grove	40.25
Pleasant Grove Church	10.00
St. Francois Co. Qtly. Mtg.	25.00
Beacon Church	10.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Parkview Church	47.00
Leadington Church	145.86
National Home Missions	41.00
Mildred Wallace	5.00
Tressie Walker	5.00
Fellowship Church	69.00
Olivet Church	46.00
Women's Auxiliary—Belvoir, N.C.	4.00
Mrs. Kenneth Salsman	2.00
Thayer Church	46.05
Blue Eye Church	24.20
Victory Church	81.86
New Home Church	20.00
First Church DeSoto	15.00
Stella Mowry	4.00
St. Francis Co. S.S. Convention	25.00
Royal Oaks Church	15.00
Cooperative Receipts - May	883.00
Total	\$2103.22

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Missouri Contributions
to National Home Missions
May, 1971

Pleasant Ridge	\$ 10.00
Salem	10.00
Willow Springs	18.83
South Fremont, Springfield	10.00
Columbia	5.00
Fredericktown, First	20.00
Olivet	25.00
New Home	10.00
Richwood	5.50
South Side	25.00
Grace Flaxheard	5.00
Royal Oaks	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	16.00
Mr. & Mrs. David Latimer	60.00
Grant Avenue	21.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Barr	5.00
Mtn. Grove, First	38.48
Mr. & Mrs. Lehman Riggs	100.00
Fredericktown Woman's Aux.	25.00
Royal Oaks	5.00
Farmington	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Macy Gregory	10.00
Myrtle	5.00
Central	12.85
Missouri Cooperative Fund	382.71
Victory	13.86
TOTAL MAY RECEIPTS	\$864.23
TOTAL TO DATE	\$4,789.46
BALANCE DUE	\$12,210.54

PROGRAM OF THE 1971
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Theme: "Building God's Church In The 20th Century"

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
Matthew 16:18

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 17

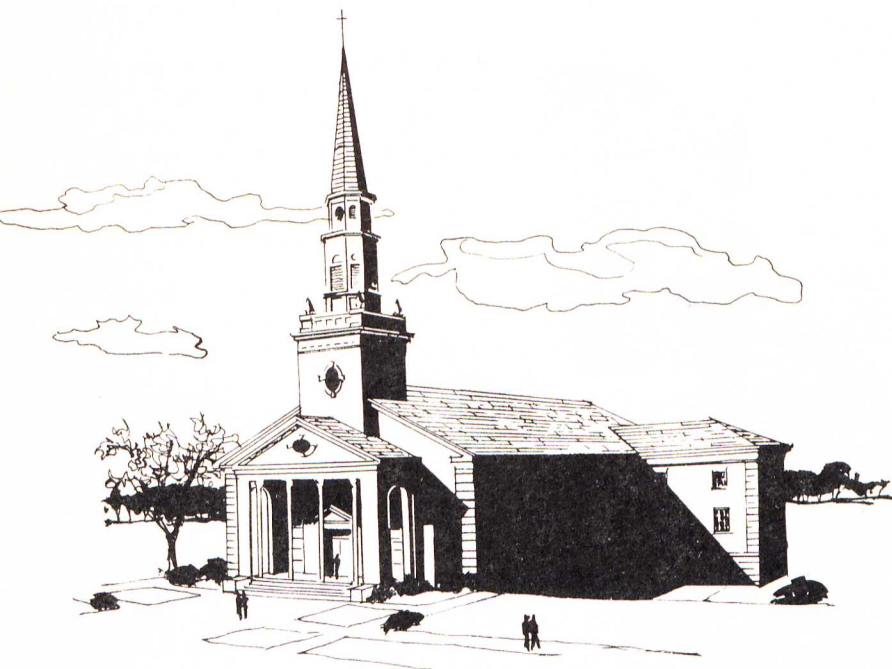
- 7:30 P.M. Worship in Song Laclede County Association Choir
Director of Music Rev. Andy Lay
- 7:45 P.M. Convening of the Session Rev. William Evans
Welcome to the State
Association Rev. Vergel Maness, Host Pastor
Response Rev. O. T. Allred
- 8:00 P.M. Moderator's Message Rev. Clarence Burton
Special Music "The Faith Singers"
- 8:15 P.M. Message: "Building God's Church In The 20th Century -
The Foundation" Rev. Glenn Rehkop
Report of Committee on Committees
Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18

- 9:00 A.M. Music Director Rev. George Bryant
Devotional Rev. Ken Goff
- 9:15 A.M. Credential Committee's Report
Seating of Corresponding Messengers
General Board Report
Statistician's Report
Report of the National Executive Secretary
Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College
- 10:45 A.M. Recess
- 11:00 A.M. Presiding Rev. Lawrence Thompson
Music Director Rev. Dale Skiles
Special Music the Jones Family
Message: "Building God's Church In The 20th Century -
The Master Builder" Rev. Henry Long
- 12:00 Noon Adjournment for Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 18

- 1:30 P.M. Music Director Rev. Joe Fulkerson
Devotional Rev. Archie Cooper



- 1:45 P.M. Business Session
 Report of Promotional Secretary and Treasurer
 Report of State Home Mission Board
 Report of National Home Mission Board
 Report of Foreign Mission Board
 Report of Youth Camp Board
 Report of Hillsdale College (OBC)
 4:00 P.M. Adjourn

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18

- 7:30 P.M. Presiding Rev. Jim McAllister
 Music Director Rev. Frank Giunta
 Special Music the Jim McAllister Family
 8:00 P.M. Message: "Building God's Church In The 20th Century -
 The Design of the Church" Rev. Wesley Calvery
 Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19

- 9:00 A.M. Music Director Rev. Woodrow Matthews
 Devotional Rev. Roger Harwell
 9:15 A.M. Business Session
 Report of the Resolutions Committee
 Report of the Superannuation Board
 Report of the Obituary Committee
 Report of the Placement Committee
 Report of the Sunday School & CTS Board
 Report of the Nominating Committee
 10:45 A.M. Recess
 11:00 A.M. Presiding Rev. A. B. Brown
 Music Director Rev. Billy Joe Gentry
 Special Music Vergel Maness & Charlene Keesling
 Message: "Building God's Church In The 20th Century -
 Durability of the Church" Rev. Jim Bundy
 12:00 Noon Adjournment for Lunch
 1:30 P.M. Any Remaining Business
 Final Adjournment

NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST BOOK RELEASES

The Sunday School Department will release six new publications by July 15, 1971, it was announced by H. D. Harrison, Editorial Manager.

Two of these releases will complete the Sunday School Worker's Training Course consisting of five volumes. Volume three was written by Reverend Roger C. Reeds, the General Director of the Sunday School Department. It is entitled PUPIL PROFILES. This book contains a treatment of the various age group characteristics. It is a good study in basic psychology from a Christian perspective. Extensive coverage is given to adolescents.

Volume four entitled, DISCIPLING AND DEVELOPING, was written by the Reverend Malcolm C. Fry. This book contains a study of evangelism and follow-up.

A new series of ELECTIVE studies has been initiated. It will be known as, "The Way of Life Series." The first of these is a workbook-type study especially designed for new converts. It will not only ground the new Christian in the great doctrines of the Scriptures but will lend itself well for use in Christian growth for more mature Christians.

It is arranged in thirteen chapters so as to be readily adaptable to a quarter's study during the Sunday School or Church Training Service hour. A separate Teacher's Guide has been written and prepared for the instructor's use.

The second elective in the series is a study of *Missions, Missionaries* and their *Message*. It is authored by the Reverend Bill Jones, editor of *Heartbeat* and former missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa. It too has a specially prepared Teacher's Guide and is set up for quarter's study with thirteen lessons.

All of these books will be available through the Sunday School Department or Randall Book Store.

MEDITATIONS . . .

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.
Psalms 19:14

"I would especially like to dedicate this little poem to our South Side Church members in honor of our beloved Pastor, Brother in Christ and friend, Rev. C. Wayne Wagner."

THE COMFORTER

In this life, for every soul,
Must come some dark sad hour.
Our strength would be so helpless
Lest we have inner power
Brought us by The Comforter
Who knows when we're distressed.
Yielding all our woes to Him
Will find us blessed rest.

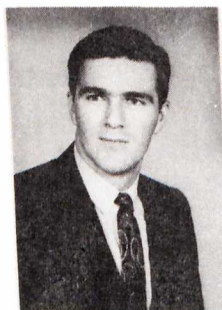
How could I face the future
Were Christ not real to me?
With Worldly cares appearing
For tribulations be.
Now, I know not the meaning
Of many things I see,
But know God's way eternal
Shall always be our lee.

The darkness may grow darker
But I shall know no fear,
For Christ my Lord is with me
His presence is so near.
My heart shall not be troubled
By all the stress and strife
For Christ has oft assured me
In Him is all my life.

And when the night is darkest,
His light doth shine so far
And Oh its such a comfort
To have a guiding star.
When, if we cast our burdens
On Him who beckons us,
We'll find glorious shelter
For He hath told us thus.

"As the spirit hath lead—" Noah Hammack.

"WHY CHURCHES DON'T HAVE REVIVAL"



by Van Dale Hudson

Introduction: Many reasons could be listed to explain the lack of true revival in the church today, but I want to mention only four that come to my mind immediately . . .

1. They are *CONFUSED*!

So many expect to see a great harvest of souls saved before seeing a renewal of dedication within the local church itself. Believers themselves must be right with God before they can effectively preach the gospel to the unsaved. When true revival takes place the winning of the lost will be a much easier task. Revival is not necessarily pleasant, but it is certainly necessary as never before. The last thing most churches want is real revival, because it involves repentance, confession, and obedience!! Many want to enjoy the benefits of revival, but few are willing to do what is necessary to bring it about!

2. They are *CONFORMED*!

The spirit of this age dominates too many assemblies, hence the sinner sees nothing within the church that convicts him of sin and creates a desire to know the Saviour. Satisfied in Materialism the average member does not want to be disturbed and when the Divine Disturber comes knocking at their door they say, "Go away for now; I'm too busy joining the mad scramble to make a living and get ahead!" They may attend a series of services and listen to what the excited speaker has to say, but that's about it. Satan has pinned the pattern of this age on them and they are conformed to the here and now! This evangelist

is disturbed seeing the growing tide of conformity to this world creeping into so many areas of denominational life. Revival could turn this tide!

3. They are *CALLOUSED*!

Congregations have weathered multitudes of sermons. Refusing to turn conformity to transformity they learn to brush the truth aside and somehow get used to it until it loses its grip! When over two billion of the world's three and one half billion have yet the first time to hear the name Jesus we can sit unmoved when Christ Jesus is preached. Too many toy the gospel and play with the truth as though it were some secondary hobby. The only difference between the cemetery and some congregations is this: the bodies in the graveyard are dead and buried, the folks in the church are dead . . . ! Revival means new life—life that starts in the heart and runs into the daily walk!! Has the truth transformed our lives? Until it does, the unbelieving world will remain unconvinced we mean what we say.

4. They are *CARELESS*!

I mean—some just do not care!! Their least interest is the welfare of lost souls. This is easily proven by the fact that numbers of churches report no conversions or very few annually. Missions at home and abroad receives no support from some. The sad part of this is the fact people are satisfied to go on unconcerned. How much do we care?? Enough to repent before God, confessing our inconsistencies? Enough to sacrifice for the sake of others who need the Saviour?

May God give us victory over these things!

Ed. Note: Rev. Van Dale Hudson is a Free Will Baptist Evangelist from 102 Tubb Road, Amory, Mississippi 38821. He also publishes *The Evangel*, an eight page leaflet which sells for an annual subscription of \$1.00 for 12 issues. Thank you Brother Hudson for the article.

College News



The Bible College's new \$900,000 Dormitory-Cafeteria nears completion.

GIFTS TO BIBLE COLLEGE BUILDING FUND APPROACH \$1,000,000

In a recent report, Jack Paramore, Director of Development for Free Will Baptist Bible College, reported that as of the end of May the denomination lacks only \$25,000 having given a total of one million dollars to the current campus building program. Free Will Baptists have given more than \$200,000 in cash and new commitments during the past fiscal year (June 1, 1970-May 31, 1971).

He also noted that \$35,000 alumni project to buy two pieces of property for the school has been completed. The Alumni Association will consider a new project relating to the school's proposed Physical Education building when they meet during the National Association in July.

Plans are being laid to construct simultaneously the Physical Education building and an addition to the Welch Library. Paramore anticipates that construction will begin within the next year.

The new Women's Dormitory and Cumberland Cafeteria is due to be completed by the last of

June and open for viewing during the National Association.

BIBLE COLLEGE HONORS SENIORS

Nine seniors out of the graduating class of 38 received academic honors at Free Will Baptist Bible College's Commencement exercises on May 13, 1971. Clyde Gillentine from Hico, Texas had the highest average, graduating *magna cum laude* (2.50 honor point average). Those graduating *cum laude* (2.25 honor point average) were: Joyce King, Exeter, California; Sandra Ogletree, Tifton, Georgia; Barbara Pata, Knoxville, Tennessee; Roy Pearson, Laurel, Mississippi; Terry Simpson, Loudon, Tennessee; Carl Stamey, Canton, North Carolina; and Jo Wainright, Greenville, North Carolina.

Danny Keen, from Smithfield, North Carolina, was voted by the faculty as the "Most Outstanding Student" of the 1970-71 school year. The qualities they considered in making their choice were attitude, influence, leadership, spiritual life, etc. Danny served as president of Ministerial Fellowship 1969-70, vice-president of the stu-

dent body, and has been recognized as a student leader all four years of his college career.

The FWBBC student body, by popular vote, chose Brenda Sanders from Waipahu, Hawaii, and Dennis Teague from Ardmore, Oklahoma as the "Best All-Around" girl and boy in the school.

The faculty and administration selected seven students for "Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges and Universities," considering qualities of leadership, intelligence, ability, character and high standards. Those chosen were Al Hamm, Fayette, Alabama; Danny Keen, Smithfield, North Carolina; Joyce King, Exeter, California; Sandra Ogletree, Tifton, Georgia; Terry Simpson, Loudon, Tennessee; Carl Stamey, Canton, North Carolina; and Jo Wainright, Greenville, North Carolina.

The student in each class with the highest average for the year was recognized by Dean Thigpen. Two students held a straight-A average. They are Peter Wilson, sophomore from Toledo, Ohio, and Rudy Woods, junior from Savannah, Georgia. Wayne Patton, freshman from Wheelersburg, Ohio, maintained a 2.84 average and Carl Stamey, senior from Canton, North Carolina, held a 2.88 average.

Eight Missourians were among the 103 students on the Bible College Honor Roll: Seniors Terry Forrest, Myrtle, and Eddie Vincent, Lebanon; Juniors Roger DePriest, St. John, Donald Turner, Rivermines, and Stephanie Vincent, Kirksville; and Sophomores Judy Hovis, Richmond Heights, Garry Matthews, Raytown, and Joyce Thomas, Kirksville. Congratulations for hard work and serious application to the task at hand.

Total Missouri giving to the Bible College to date is \$11,362.29. This amount is \$1,661.86 more than given at this time last year, but only 83% of Missouri's quota of \$13,500.00. These are April figures. Missouri contributions to the Bible College Expansion Program as of April were \$21,054.54 with \$1,739.95 in unpaid commitments.

CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

CAPITAL CITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Greetings in the name of Christ to all the churches in Missouri. We want to share with you some of the glorious experiences associated with the work in Jefferson City.

First, we wish to thank all of you for your ceaseless prayers and continued support for this work. The support is completely underwritten by churches, quarterly meeting, auxiliaries, youth groups and many individuals throughout the state.

Regular scheduled church services began the first of March in a rented convention room in the Downtown Holiday Inn with 22 souls present. God wonderfully blessed us with an accomplished pianist, Mrs. Patsy Reagan, and a fine young family man with a beautiful voice for song director, Mr. Richard Griggs. Of course, one of the first items of prayer was for a building.

Object Lesson. Now dear friends, when you pray to God, pray expecting Him to hear and answer your prayer. We prayed earnestly for a building to establish a central location for church services. God heard and He delivered. How He delivered!! He lead us to a vacant church building, located at 1212 East High Street, in such a delapidated and run-down condition, the first human reaction was to sit down and cry. The building had holes in the roof, ceiling falling down, plaster falling off the walls, and large holes in the floor. Yet, faith believing, God knew best.

Under the leadership of Bro. Giunta, his wife Peggy, and

family, together with a \$2,000 loan from the Home Mission Board and 6 weeks of hard and often backbreaking work, the building was transformed into a beautiful place of worship, honoring God for answered prayer and for preaching of the Word. We pause here to give thanks to the faithful followers in Jefferson City, Bro. Mark Vandivort of Columbia, Bro. Cliff Bowman of Marshall, and the many friends and co-workers from the St. Louis-Flat River area for their efforts and hard work in making this prayer come to fruition.

Now comes the best part of all! Included in the package plan of God, this building will have a sanctuary that will accommodate up to 200 people, 7 classrooms, a pastor's study, and a nursery—*rent free for five years*—except for the \$2,000 loan commitment and the labor to remodel. Praise God! The money used for renovation will be repaid on a monthly basis. Any funds coming in for the building program must be specifically designated for the building loan account.

God has honored the work in the new building with souls saved, rededicated lives and a revival spirit of the church. In three months, the congregation grew from 22 souls, worshipping in a rented hotel room, to 44 souls in our new church building. A new family has been in attendance nearly every Sunday.

We still have a distance to go before the work is self-supporting, therefore, we request that you continue to remember us in your daily prayers as we work for the salvation of lost souls and growth in Christ's church in Jefferson City.

Lucy Largent
Correspondence Secretary

Rev. Morris Tucker, 1928 Arsenal Street, St. Louis 36118 announces that he will be going into full-time ministerial work after September 1, 1971. If your church is praying for a pastor you might put his name before the Lord. His phone is (314) 772-8639.

Central Western Association to Greenfield.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenfield, wishes to extend a very welcome invitation to everyone to attend the 63rd annual session of Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists which convenes with the church Tuesday evening, July 27.

Preparations are being made to accommodate all overnight guests, and it is hoped that many may come to contribute and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the session. Business will be interspersed with periods of inspirational worship and it is hoped a representative from our National Missions Office may be present for the regular Mission Service which has been a highlight of our association through the years.

Following conclusion of the associational business on Thursday afternoon an evening service is planned with the pastor, Rev. Winford Davis, showing slides of the Holy Land taken on his trips to Palestine and other countries of the area.

The DeSoto Church reports God's continued blessings and are looking forward to a change to a full-time pastorate in the near future. We feel confident God will bless for this step of faith.

First Church, Joplin, reports a good revival with Evangelist Bobby Jackson, April 26 through May 2. There were eight decisions of commitment made during the revival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Belton	48	53			
Berkley		335			
Copper Mines	82	78	91		
DeSoto	71	73	79	91	85
Farmington	120				
Fredericktown, First		126	136	151	147
Hannon	65		71	73	69
Hurryville	92				
Lebanon, First	163	147	150	162	139
Mill Creek	42				
Mine LaMotte	38	33		52	37
Monett, First	169	173	188	183	161
Mtn. Grove, First	261				
Myrtle	55	53	62		
Oskaloosa		22			
Parkview, Desloge	109	92	121	127	104
Salem	41	37	53	48	46
Springfield, First	212	195	214	221	217
Trinity	158		211	196	170
Victory	121	113	137	106	101
Waynesville, First	101	79	119	133	
West Plains, First	142	127		139	128
Willow Springs	95	89	90	103	96

Womans World



A GOOD NEWS CLUB. What is it? It is a ministry in the home designed to teach the love of God and salvation in Jesus Christ to neighborhood children.

Sister Peggy Giunta and daughter Sharon started the club in the parsonage the second week after the Giunta family moved to Jefferson City. With door to door solicitation of the neighborhood and Sharon's grade school contacts, the attendance has grown from 5 to an average of 12 happy and delightful children.

The club meets once a week after school for an hour. The services consist of bible stories, singing, entertainment and refreshments. This ministry has resulted in 5 precious souls saved that would perhaps never known the true love of God.

We challenge you mothers around the state to start your own Good News Club. What a blessing and a joy it is to see a child come to Christ!

The Woman's Auxiliary, Fourth Church, elected Jean Willhite President for the coming year as a review of the past has revealed God's blessings on the group. The outgoing President is Miriam Willhite. The members planned to take individual bars of soap to the ladies at the nursing home where the Fourth Church Auxiliary women conduct a devotional service each month. The soap was decorated with gold paint and

PROGRAM OF THE 1971 MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Theme: "Known Among All Nations"

"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God; and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17

- 9:30 A.M. Convention Hymn "There's A Story To Tell"
Music Director Mrs. Maxine Wagner
Pianist Mrs. Pearl Denton
Devotion Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Special Music Mrs. Charlene Keesling
Welcome Mrs. Alyne Maness
Response Mrs. Kathy Lay
Greetings From WNAC Mrs. Cleo Pursell
Chorus-time
Business Session
- 10:45 A.M. Recess
- 11:00 A.M. Congregation Sings
Special Music Mrs. Mary Fortney
Message Mrs. Mabel Willey
Offering for Missions
- 12:00 Noon Recess for Lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 17

- 1:30 P.M. Congregation Sings
Special Music The Calvary Family
Devotion Time Mrs. Aileen Calvary
Business Session
Adjournment
- 5:00 P.M. Auxiliary Dinner
Special Speaker Mrs. Mabel Willey

decals. The auxiliary also purchased a full-length mirror, waste baskets, and a window fan for the St. Louis area girl's cabin at the Youth Camp.

The Mtn. Grove Woman's Auxiliary reports a full roster of new officers with Joan Wood as the new President. They are looking forward to a new year of adventure into serving the Lord through a Missions emphasis.

Fourteen members and three visitors met June 7 for the West Plains Woman's Auxiliary regular monthly meeting. An excellent lesson on "Ministering Unto The Lord With Our Tithes, Time and Talents" challenged those present to find more time to give to the

Lord's work. Business meeting included voting to send \$20.00 to the Tom Willey account, a committee appointed to investigate the purchase of a new communion table, V.B.S. dates set for July 19 thru 23, and the election of new officers. Evelyn Dafforn was elected to serve as President for the coming years work. They are looking forward to a great year, but begin with regret that the District Auxiliary was disbanded for the next year.

The Woman's Corner Editor, Sister Eunice Edwards has been for a two weeks in-service training this month. We are confident God blessed as she learned and shared in this effort to be better able to serve.

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PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

FIRST MISSION QUARTERLY meeting assembled with Cabool Church, Thursday, May 6. Ministers preaching during the session were Ervin Morton, Clyde Montgomery, Russell Stout, Harry Beatty, and Glenn Murray. More than twenty churches sent delegates. I was given time to explain the 1971 allocation of Missouri's Cooperative funds. They raised their quota to missionaries Miley and Fulcher in a cash offering.

Indian Creek Quarterly meeting assembled with Merl's Chapel Church Saturday, May 8. Rev. Lewis Campbell delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. He also conducted a panel discussion on "Current Issues Facing the Church" in the afternoon session. Two churches petitioned into the Quarterly Meeting and were received.

Sunday morning, May 9, I delivered the sermon in Granby Church. Sunday night I attended the final missionary service in St. Louis Churches. This week-end missionary rally contributed more than \$1,500.00 cash offering plus the faith pledges for our missionaries Miley, Calvery, and Fulcher.

Greater Kansas City Association yearly meeting convened with Central Church 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 15. Rev. Vernon Maggard preached the introductory sermon and Rev. Lester Lemons the evening sermon. Eight churches were represented. All business was transacted the same day with time given to our Missouri State promotional work, currently sup-

ported by 100% of their churches.

Sunday morning, May 16, in response to an invitation from Pastor Ralph Cook and the Royal Oaks Church I delivered the sermon there. They continue to win some for the Lord. Their basement Sanctuary is real nice. Sunday evening I delivered the message in our new work: Capitol City Free Will Baptist Church, Jefferson City. Pastor Giunta and the congregation there are making real progress. The families sharing in the work there are resident people and are very enthused. They have already adopted the cooperative plan. The House of Worship located at 1212 High Street, has been completely refinished and decorated. Pray for a harvest of souls to fill this place of worship.

Southeast Missouri Ministers' Fellowship assembled Saturday, May 29 in the Leadington Church. The attendance was fair and the fellowship was wonderful. Rev. Evans delivered the sermon.

We received offerings from three congregations making their first contribution in this fiscal year to the Cooperative Fund. Thus, we are well on our way toward our \$56,000.00 annual goal. Thanks to every one for the good response to our missionaries, too.

Available in your Book Store are Bibles from a choice of eight Bible publishing companies. Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store; 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street; St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

MAY, 1971, COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Farmington	\$211.29
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Olivett	110.00
Salem	20.00
Gray Summits	24.63
Gate Way	40.00
Belton	90.00
Bethel, Festus	80.00
Kirkville	30.00
Beacon	151.42
Granby	11.13
Columbia	38.00
Rock Chapel	21.67
Waynesville, First	197.66
Garfield	27.15
Hannon	63.20
Carterville	26.01
Mtn. Grove, First	185.94
Thayer	61.92
Marshfield	19.25
Grace	240.00
Berkley	335.14
Fourth	221.06
Happy Home	19.42
East Independence	10.00
Copper Mines	58.00
Houston	92.00
Royal Oaks	23.34
Monett	164.34
Lebanon, First	254.65
Union Grove	100.00
Cedar Ridge	70.78
10% transferred from FWBBC to Foreign Missions	7.87
New Prospect Sunday School	115.00
Victory	226.32
Fellowship	50.00
Hurryville	69.00
Mtn. Valley	80.54
South Side	242.00
Jones Chapel	20.00
Oskaloosa	21.62
Gray Summits	25.80
Parkview	50.00
Hannon	80.26
West Plains, First	106.00
Farmington	200.00
Belton	74.00
Cope	23.02
New Rock Springs	25.00
Willow Springs	73.93
Forwarded from April	1.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,709.36

DISBURSEMENTS	
00.25% Superannuation	\$ 11.77
01.00% C.T.S. & S.S.	47.09
04.00% GEM	188.37
04.00% Youth Camp	188.37
07.00% General Fund	329.66
16.00% Promotional	735.50
18.75% Missouri Missions	883.00
51.00% 7 Missouri Depts.	\$2,401.76
03.00% Hillsdale College	141.28
00.50% Theological Com.	23.55
01.00% Layman Bd.	47.09
01.50% R.E.A.P.	70.64
03.00% C.T.S.	141.28
07.00% Home Missions	329.66
10.00% Executive	470.94
10.00% FWBBC	470.94
less designated	7.87
13.00% Foreign Missions	612.22
plus designated	7.87
46.00% 8 National Depts.	\$2,166.32
100.00% TOTAL DISBURSED	\$4,709.36