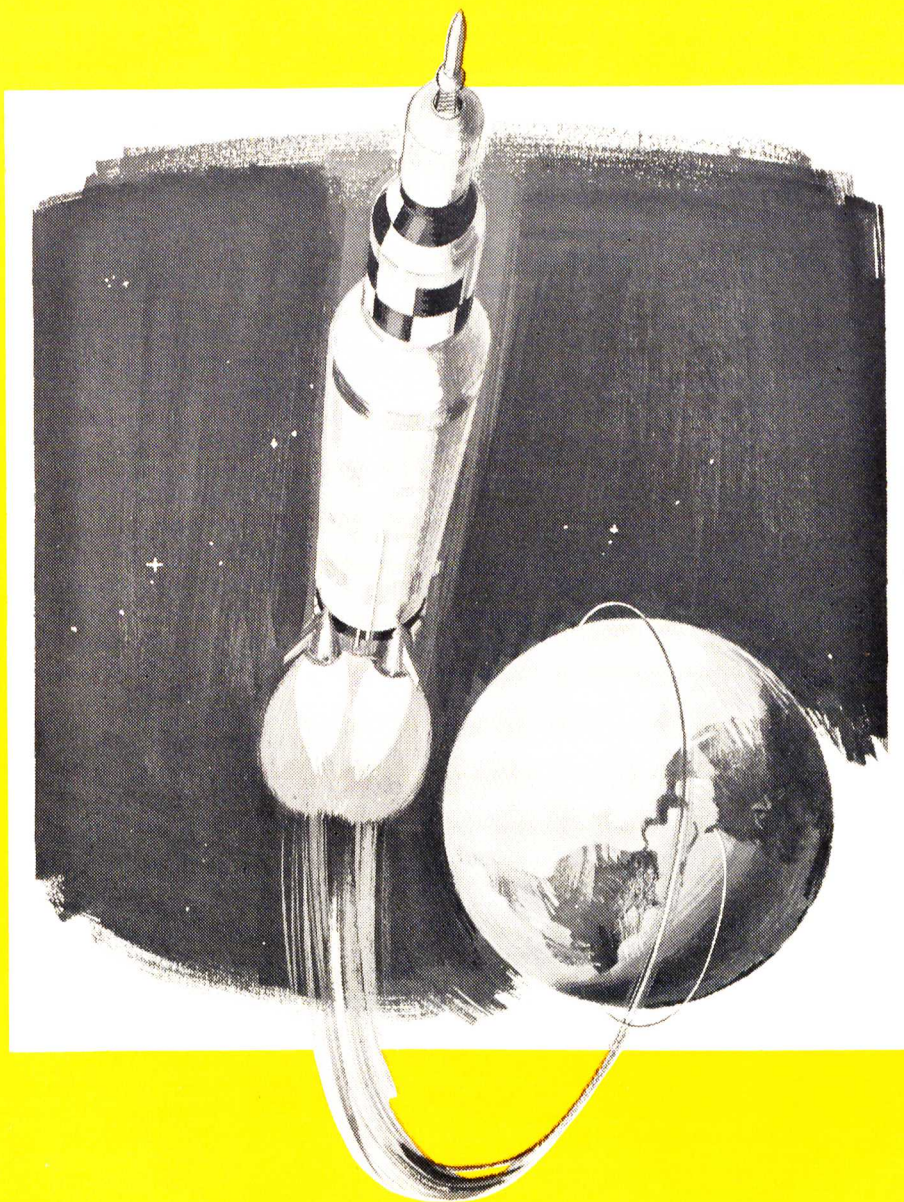


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# Gem



**W**hat is man,  
that thou art mindful of him?..."

**Psalms 8:4**



# Personal from the Editor



**W**ORDS HAVE a way of losing their meaning. Powerful ideas, packed into single words, often become hackneyed expressions. Take, for example, the movie ads. So many features are described as "colossal," "gigantic," and "stupendous" that it becomes difficult to tell which one is even worth seeing.

The vocabulary of the Christian faith and church has taken a beating too. We toss around words like "grace," "faith," and "mercy," so glibly that the deep and powerful significance of the terms is largely lost. One good example is the common word "worship."

What kind of reactions are stirred in you when you hear this word "worship?" If the word has gone stale, and arouses only casual interest, perhaps it is because the whole idea of worship has become for you something less than exciting. Can we freshen up the word and the idea? A good place to begin is in re-thinking just what Christian worship is all about.

Worship, we all know, is a basic part of the Christian life. God's Word, the Bible, contains many calls to God-pleasing worship; instructions about worship; explanations of true worship; criticisms of godless worship. What does the word actually mean?

Webster defines worship as "a courtesy or reverence paid" or "the act of paying honor . . . reverence . . . homage." In both aspects of the definition the emphasis is on paying. Worship is something you give. A worship service is not a hymn-sing or an hour of personal enlightenment. The whole emphasis in proper worship is on giving, with little conscious attention to what we are getting. A proper

worship service is a period when people are intent on giving to God adoration, thanks, praise, and their whole lives. When that takes place, then there is the essence of worship.

As so often is the case, we can learn from others. When the pagan worships an idol, the customary thing is to bring something. It might be food or jewels—or even a human sacrifice. The pagan's attitude is that any deity who is worth being worshipped deserves to be given something of human value. When a man approaches God, it must be in the attitude of giving or paying. In worship you give.

We should never be afraid of worshipping. Everyone worships something, for everyone has a god. A good rule of thumb is that whatever is most important in your life is your god. The difference between various worshippers is a matter of direction. The hardened atheist, the dedicated materialist, the thoughtful agnostic—all are worshippers at various altars. They are paying honor, homage, or reverence to something. There are many different deities worshipped by mankind.

One great American deity is the god of beauty, strength, and health. The worshippers at this altar don't bend their knees in prayer; they bend the whole body in a series of exercises and health-giving contortions. Instead of presenting food to their god as did the pagan, they render homage, reverence, and honor by abstaining from foods. Certainly we are to take as good care of our bodies as we possibly can. They are the "temple of the Holy Spirit." But many are so dedicated that their attention to this phase of life becomes worship.

Others revere success as a god and go through life with the motto: You've got to get ahead. Education is often worshipped, and the disciple insists on a college education not because it will mean a fuller life and a better utilization of God's gifts, but because it improves his chances of success in life. The National Association of Do-Gooders is a great cult which strives to improve the common good of man because it gives its members a "lift" and makes them feel they have accomplished something. Nowhere in their thinking is the idea that we are made brothers by the blood of Christ and that our concern for

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**WE LIVE** in an age of indifference to common involvement. We don't want to become involved in anybody's troubles but our own." This was one of the many great sayings of Thomas H. Willey, Sr. Isn't it ironic how every day we come in contact with common people who all have basically common problems, and to pursue further, the majority have a common fault; grumbling. How quickly we all find fault with intricate world affairs, but how many dare to activate their own principles.

Another bit of advice from Mr. Willey is that we "say some things with the idea we are being smart, and enchant ourselves with our boast of extreme frankness, when in fact it is sheer braggery and we make ourselves undesirables leaving strewn behind us grieving friends." It is sad to see callous people who refuse to become compassionate. Christ spoke, "This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you." I believe here is where we fall so short in God's will for our lives. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." Perhaps we are too quick to ramble off the old familiar cliché, "Christ died for you," without deeply reminding ourselves what an extravagant price it was to pay.

Countless blessings come pouring to us every day. There are so many in fact that we tend to take them all for granted. The wonderful blessing of life itself is given only by the mercy and goodness of God. Surely such a gracious God deserves much more than a half-hearted attitude about His work.

The Rev. Bobby Jackson uses an illustration of a wife and her mate. Suppose one day the husband comes home and greets her with these words, "Honey, I met the nicest lady today that you ever saw. She lives across town. She's a widow and stays alone. She is very beautiful, too, young and friendly. I like her a little bit and I want to get better acquainted. So here's what I've decided to do. From now on I'm planning to spend Sunday and Sunday night with her. If I stay with you six days a week I should be free for one day to do as I please. You don't mind though, do you?" You'd say, "Absolutely not! You don't divide your time with her. You are my husband and I want you to stay here seven nights a week."

Now if a mate is that concerned about the love and time of her husband, how much more concern-

ed is Christ, who is the husband, about the time of His bride, the Christian. He expects all of our time to count for Him, yet we throw one or maybe two days a week at His feet and expect Him to be satisfied. All God really wants is you. Dedicate every second of the day to God and He'll open doors to opportunities you may have thought to be impossible.

Recall for a moment Matthew 10:21, "And the brother shall deliver up the brother." The welfare of our fellow man is the responsibility of you and me. This includes all humanity without hand picking who we will be concerned about and who we will not. I have always received a blessing from the missionary team. We as Christians are aware that Christ is the answer to all those perplexities which people throughout the world continue to face, but these children of God are so compelled to share His blessings that they are motivated to witness anywhere He so chooses them to go. Unfortunately, many of us here aren't motivated enough to even cross the street in order to witness.

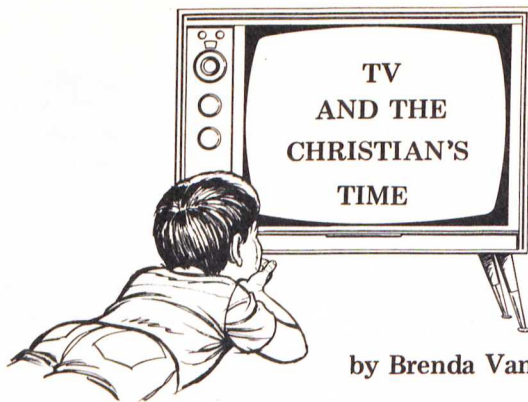
I found it wasn't until I surrendered completely, and became literally dependent upon Christ that I knew what true peace of mind meant. You cannot avoid God's will for your life. Likewise, just because you are a Christian does not mean you will always make decisions in accordance to His will. The answer now lies in earnest prayer. "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The Effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

Throughout the years, our ministers have been delivering this same message time and time again. Let me once more quote Mr. Willey by saying, "we have no lack of the knowledge of our duty to a sick world. Our lack is the will to do what we know." The Lord has given us the simplest, most perfect plan for salvation. It's nothing to be ashamed of so why not talk about the good news right along with other daily conversations. Sure you care about others. But do you care enough to commit your life to Christ?

Yvonne Howard is a member of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnold, where she has taken an active part in the work of the church. She is a gifted singer and has used her talent with the church choir and in special music. Yvonne graduated from high school this past spring and is looking forward to serving her Lord in whatever way he leads. Thank you Yvonne and Pastor Rehkop for proof #10.

As editor I am very happy to have received two very fine Proof #'s this month. It is very gratifying to find that our young people are willing to write for this feature. May I request continued encouragement from pastors and youth leaders for more copy?





by Brenda Vandivort

**A**FTER VISITING in home after home where the television blares constantly, many with children sitting "glued" to the set watching program after program, I began to think seriously about what this is doing to our lives and, more importantly, to our children's lives. It seems to be easy to let our children watch hour after hour of any kind of show that's being presented. I know from experience in our own home that TV can slowly seep into lives and much, much time can be spent watching an endless string of programs, especially in the winter-time. Television, which has been called everything from an educational media to a "boob tube", plays an important part in many homes. Even the cartoonists and comedians recognize this because they make jokes about the chaos in a home when the set's on the blink. But I don't think it is a joking matter. Just what are we doing to our children and ourselves when TV shows are allowed to fill our minds for hours at a time, day after day?

Just why are we drawn to television—what's its magnetic quality? TV programs cover the very things of life that interest people—birth, children growing up, love, hate, marriages, the good and the bad of life. Would our watching these things, the way they are presented, be pleasing to God? For example let's consider soap operas which go on for many hours of the day. I know many women who drop everything and sit in front of their stories day after day. They won't let anything interfere with their watching these playactors because they just have to know what happens next. In some homes small children also watch them right along with their mothers all year around. Many school children watch them all summer long. The majority of the soap operas are filled with man's sins: drinking, premarital sex, unfaithfulness in marriage, witchcraft, etc. Many times these are presented in such a manner that seem to say these sins are okay and that it's all right for people to do these things. Are we, by watching these programs, saying that we approve of man's sinfulness? Are these the things we want our children to pattern their lives after? Many of the people that we watch in shows we would not want to invite to our homes as friends so why allow them in our homes by way of tube.

Are we training our children to live in a world of make-believe by allowing them to sit hour after hour in front of a television? Are we teaching them to think for themselves or are we unconsciously

letting our children pattern their lives after play-actors on a screen? Is TV luring our young people to lead the wrong kind of lives? Proverbs 22:6 tells us to: "Train up a child in a way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Are we fulfilling our duty to train our children when we allow them to waste hours in front of TV?

Will our children be tempted to turn to drugs to escape the world of reality and of facing responsibility, just as they've done by sitting hours in front of a set? After watching a well-known program about hippies and drugs one night, I decided that if a person wanted to become a hippie that after watching a few shows like that one he'd know how to become one. The program made it seem that the way of hippie life was a good way to pattern one's life. When can we have time to teach them the things of God, how to work, to play, to lead useful, productive lives if they're constantly wrapped up in the lives of playactors on TV?

Television is a very wily tool of the devil. No age group is exempt. TV can undermine our home life if we don't watch out. Families watch TV together, and I agree that there is common interest when watching a family program, a current happening, or just the daily news or a ballgame. BUT, its value for unity ceases when this covers hours at a time and seems to be the only thing done together. Just how much is learned about each other while staring at a TV set? Do we know each other's ideas, plans for the future? Does it crowd out time for such things as Bible study, prayertimes together, our time to witness, or even just time to work and play as a family? How can a father who's been working all day know anything about his children if they're sitting entranced by TV all evening, a thing that takes place in many homes.

We need to control that little button that reads "on and off". We need to limit our TV time and censor out the things that poison our minds with man's sins; we should remove the ones we watch just to "fill up our time". Are we so shallow-minded that we can't find other things to do with the time God has given us?

Are you in control of TV or is it in control of you? I believe our prayer to God should be that He'll help us know the programs to watch on the screen. God has given us this media so we could know and learn many things by watching pictures in our homes. Moments such as the landing on the moon can be seen via TV. Let's don't abuse the use of this miracle invention. Let's examine what we are watching, what our children are watching, and fill our minds only with that which would not displease God.

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*Ed. Note: Brenda, Mrs. Daniel Vandivort, is a member of the Salem Free Will Baptist Church. We appreciate her article dealing with a very definite problem for the Christian, and especially the Christian parent. Thank you Sister Vandivort, and you, too, Pastor Courtney for the encouragement you gave.*



others springs from Christian love. The gods of Happiness, Pleasure, Fun, and Frolic have their fans. Their followers worship by giving them honor, reverence and homage. Even those who put themselves before everyone else have their god whose name is the Great God ME.

Now don't willfully misunderstand. A moderate proper appreciation of almost all things mentioned here is not wrong. Only when our sense of proportion is out of kilter; when respect turns to reverence and appreciation becomes homage, do the troubles begin. The big question is not, "Shall we worship" but "What and Whom shall we worship".

Jesus said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." He is actually making two points. The first is that we should worship. The second is that we should worship God alone.

Worship of God alone is not a new thought. In the first books of the Bible comes the recurrent theme that God is a jealous God. He will not have His honor given to another nor His praises offered to any graven image. To Him alone must reverence, honor, and homage be paid.

Scripture doesn't leave it up to us to decide whom or what we shall worship. In clear, concise terms the Bible paints a picture of the one true God, the Triune God: the Father, Who has created us and governs the works; the Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who lived, suffered, and died so that we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life; the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts. God does not act like a chameleon, appearing to one race, culture, and

time in one guise and to another race, culture, and time in another guise. He is not Buddha, Allah, Jehovah, or Confucius, depending on your viewpoint. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. In His Word He clearly tells us Who He is, what He has done for us, what He is doing for us, and what He will do for us.

The oddity in worshipping anything other than God is that there is no "other." To worship anything other than God is to worship nothing. The deities other than the true God are man-made myths. They don't exist. They have done nothing for us. They can do nothing for us. If we don't worship the true God, we might as well worship a sock or a shoe or a post.

The course Christ commands is the best course. Worship the True God—the God who has created, redeemed, and sanctified you. Worship Him with His people each Sunday. Worship Him with your daily acts of devotion. Worship Him with your whole being. Make worship an active word in your span of life. Give Him the honor, the homage, and the reverence His love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ demands. Give it to Him only. He alone deserves it.

When this takes place in your life, the strangest thing happens. All the gifts God offers you become yours. You begin to understand the order of things. You realize the beauty of His hand of care and the protection you can find there. You comprehend that in God alone lies the peace, the strength, the consolation, and the joy that makes this life a thing of beauty and the life to come an object of eager expectation. Keep your relationship with your God alive. Worship the Lord, your God, and serve Him only.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES, 1971

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Belton	48	53				
Berkley		335				
Copper Mines	82	78	91			
DeSoto	71	73	79	91	85	84
Farmington	120			143	117	119
Fredericktown, First		126	136	151	147	139
Hannon	65		71	73	69	
Hurryville	92					
Lebanon, First	163	147	150	162	139	177
Mill Creek	42					
Mine LaMotte	38	33		52	37	37
Monett, First	169	173	188	183	161	
Mt. Pisgah						70
Mtn. Grove, First	261					
Myrtle	55	53	62			
Oskaloosa		22				
Parkview, Desloge	109	92	121	127	104	96
Salem	39	38	53	48	46	40
Springfield, First	212	195	214	221	217	
Trinity	158		211	196	170	159
Victory	121	113	137	106		
Waynesville, First	101	79	119	133		
West Plains, First	142	127		139	128	134
Willow Springs	95	89	90	103	96	97



# CHURCHES

## PEOPLE

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## EVENTS

News Notes from Capital City Church (as edited from Capital City Church news notes)

... Brother Thompson indicates that our support is coming in pretty good, considering these are the summer months, and, of course, they seem to be the most hazardous where giving is concerned. But even with vacation time taking its toll on outside giving, our support continues to come in. We realize that this is true because of those who are concerned about missions and who love God. Remember, what's invested in God's work is deposited for us in Heaven (Matt. 6:19, 20).

... We have made a number of improvements on the building. We have all but completed Brother Wayne Largent's classroom (he teaches the teens) and the nursery. This leaves the Pastor's study and four more classrooms. A number of great laymen from the South Side Church in St. Louis, and Brother Wayne Wagner, came up and helped us one Saturday and we accomplished a great deal. We hung doors, put up trim, finished window sills, and, in general, worked on the auditorium. It is unbelievable how that old building has been transformed before our eyes. Pray for the strength to continue making repairs, and also for the special designated support for the building loan.

... Our Sunday School has maintained an average attendance of 17 since we have been in the new building. Presently we have three classes and a nursery, with hope of developing a new class in the near future. The attendance in the morning worship service has been larger than the Sunday School.

... We are a heavily populated area, and so far as I can determine there are no buses operating in or

around us. The community is largely made up of young married couples with families. I believe our survey showed 65% to 70% of them had children but did not attend church regularly. That is a real challenge to me. As you know, our work is very small ... so once again I am turning to our Free Will Baptist friends around the State, asking them to pray about this project. If the Lord should burden your heart about this ministry, and you would like to have a part in it, please send your gifts to Lawrence Thompson, 3416 No. Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Missouri 64117. Earmark them Bus Ministry, Jefferson City.

Again we thank you in advance for your part in our work here. May God bless you.

It is one of the beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

The DeSoto Church reports God's continued blessings. Two new converts were baptized in the first baptismal service in the new baptistry, Sunday night, June 27. Future plans are for a revival with Evangelist Johnny Land. The church requests Missouri Free Will Baptists to pray that God will work through them and Brother Land in a great way. Pastor Charles Miller is in the hospital at the writing of the church news. Pray.

The Willow Springs Church near Mtn. Grove is starting a building project. The new educational annex with a full basement will provide much needed room. We shall look forward to hearing more as the project progresses.

Mt. Pisgah Church, near Cabool, shares with us the good news of revival. Ronnie Turner, pastor of Oak Grove Church, served as evangelist. Special music and spirit-filled messages lifted the church and led two to accept Jesus Christ as Lord during the services. Baptismal services also included three of

the church's young boys who attended Youth Camp and decided for Jesus. These wonderful blessings were crowned by the addition of a family of four to the membership of the church. God continues to bless.



The Salem Free Will Baptist Church is certainly a church on the move. It is not a new work, but it has through faith become a living, growing church. Probably the first step to their new power was the decision, by faith, to become a full-time work. December 6, 1970 Pastor Max Courtney became their full-time pastor. In May, 1971 they purchased a parsonage so their pastor could live in the community and serve better. The most recent blessing was revival services in "which the Holy Spirit burned His way through the congregation with conviction." Evangelist Johnny Land challenged the church to greater service for the Lord and the lost to a commitment to Christ. Ten decisions were made in the revival services. The church and pastor recommend our own Evangelist Johnny Land as one who will challenge the church and appeal to the uncommitted. Recently eleven were baptized and nine new members have been received into the church. The Church is active in the Mission Association, the C.T.S. program, and supports the Cooperative Fund. There may be bigger numbers, but there are not many better success stories. Success in God's work because His people in the Salem Free Will Baptist Church stepped by faith to meet a greater challenge.



Niangua, Missouri  
July 2, 1971

Dear GEM readers,

Our many thanks to the folks of Missouri and surrounding states for their wonderful cooperation while we were care-takers at the Missouri State Youth Camp. To the different Camp Boards and all the campers, ministers, teachers, lay workers who have striven to promote the building of the camp, we say thank you.

May we say it is with regret we leave the Missouri State Youth Camp cottage and camp grounds and we will take away in our hearts many fond memories. Some of happiness, some of sadness, but both precious to us.

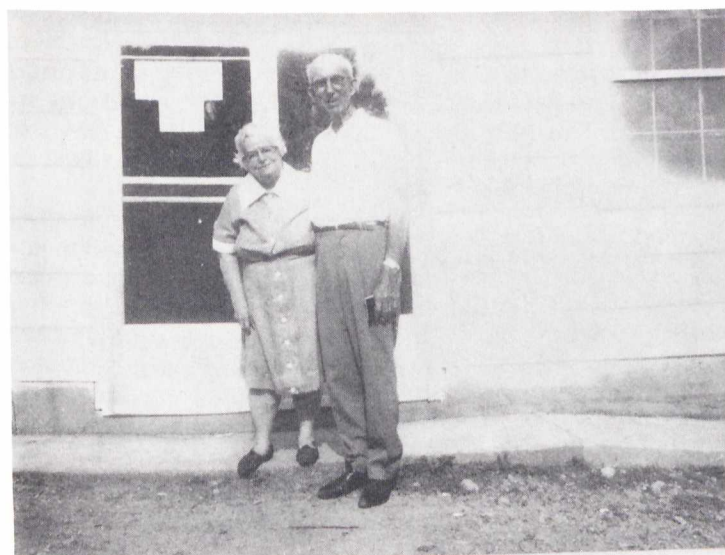
But God has revealed to us that it is time for our departure as we are no longer able to properly care for the camp. In our care we have 40 nice cabins, a large dining hall with attached utility room, a large Chapel with two attached classrooms, the Parrot Memorial First Aid Stand with two attached classrooms, a large refreshment stand with modern restrooms, and two large playgrounds.

So we wish to say "adieu" and pray God's richest blessings on the Camp and whoever is selected to become responsible for its care for the future years. May many boys and girls enjoy the blessings of salvation from attending the camp in the future years.

Yours for His cause,  
William and Vada Reeves

# Youth Camp Contributions April 1 thru July 1, 1971

	General Fund	Expansion Fund	Total
Missouri Cooperative Fund			\$602.14
Waynesville		\$10.50	10.50
Alton		5.00	5.00
New Rock Springs		30.00	30.00
Vada Reeves	\$ 33.52		33.52
Hannon		51.50	51.50
Olivett		30.00	30.00
Grant Avenue		52.80	52.80
Mtn. Grove		35.00	35.00
Thayer		20.00	20.00
Myrtle		38.58	38.58
Rock Chapel		23.00	23.00
New Harmony		7.50	7.50
Harmony Quarterly Meeting		10.00	10.00
Verdella		30.00	30.00
Willow Springs	10.00	20.00	30.00
W. M. Eden	2.21		2.21
Calvary		6.00	6.00
St. Francis County SS Convention	25.00		25.00
G. J. Pingleton	100.00		100.00
Cave Springs Woman's Aux.	65.00		65.00
Lebanon, First		40.00	40.00
Lead Hill		10.00	10.00
Springfield, First		25.00	25.00
Liberty Quarterly Meeting		31.75	31.75
Jones Chapel		50.00	50.00
Berkeley	50.00		50.00
Victory	120.00		120.00
Union Light	25.00		25.00
Oskaloosa		6.00	6.00
Cedar Ridge		50.00	50.00
Pleasant Ridge		15.00	15.00
Missouri Woman's Aux.	29.50	96.45	125.95
TOTAL	\$460.23	\$694.08	\$1,154.31



Ed. Note: We can all understand Brother and Sister Reeves' reasoning and their decision, but we are all reluctant to see the time for such a decision to be made and see them go. Their constant concern for the responsibility they have so capably fulfilled, and their devotion to the cause of God as it was represented in the Youth Camp work has endeared them to the hearts of all those boys and girls who have attended and all those who have worked in any way with the Camp. May God bless them richly as they go.



# POWER IN THE PRAYER CLOSET



by Pastor Millard Sasser

The prayer closet is not an asylum for the inactive and worthless Christian. It is not a nursery where none but babes belong. Prayer is the battlefield of the church. Christians must pray much and apply themselves to it with energy and perseverance.

Prayer is the power of the church. Prayer is the business of the church. Prayer is the hope of the church. Without it the church has no power, business or hope.

In our much activity it is easy for us to become little in prayer. Activity is necessary for growth and prosperity of the individual Christian and the church. The greatest activity is the activity of

praying.

We often measure what one does by what we see him doing, but prayer is the one thing that determines the quality and usefulness of what one does. The holy life cannot be lived in the closet but it cannot exist without the closet of prayer.

James declares, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16) Without fervent, agonizing, mighty, persevering, importune praying there are no righteous men and therefore little will avail as far as righteousness is concerned.

Prayer is the expression of faith, therefore men of old have been driven to much prayer, and by their prayers of faith have; subdued kingdoms, wrought

righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, turned to flight the armies of aliens and have endured the impossible.

Elijah locked the rain buds of heaven because he prayed and by prayer three and one-half years later brought rain on a parched land. Elijah was a man of like passions as we are.

Through prayer folks of all ages have caused the godless to become godly, made the vile clean, brought mighty revivals, saved governments, and stirred the saints mightily for God.

Prayer is the first need of our day and of this church. The kind of praying you have been reading about in this message is not child's play, nor picnic prayers. It is heart-aching, soul-laboring, tear-bringing, sweat-producing work. Only the holy, consecrated, God-centered, God-loving, Christ-exalting members will do it. But through such praying by such people others will become holy, consecrated, God-centered, God-loving, Christ-exalting saints. Such praying will produce men, women, and young people who will want to be used of the Lord in His service. Rather than having to search and beg for folks to fill vacancies we will have to be searching for places to put into service those who, coming with clean hearts, and pure lives, are asking to be used in the service of our Saviour. Rather than having a continual flow of resignations we will have a continual flow of persons searching for a place of service.

Agonizing prayer will produce saints who love their Saviour and church more than they love weekend relaxation safaris. Agonizing prayer will produce soul-winners. Agonizing prayer will produce preachers, missionaries, and others who have simply sold out to Jesus Christ. **PREVAILING PRAYER WILL PRODUCE REVIVAL!!!**

Ed. note: Copied from the *Fourth Church Trumpet*. Thank you Pastor Sasser.



Missouri State  
Home Mission Giving  
June 5 - July 5, 1971

First Church Joplin .....	35.90
Fourth Church .....	138.00
First Church Lebanon .....	4.00
Willow Springs Church .....	11.00
Belton Church .....	7.00
Beacon Church .....	15.00
Myrtle Church .....	9.27
First Church Waynesville .....	3.00
New Harmony Church .....	7.50
Jones Chapel Church .....	100.00
Pleasant Grove Church .....	10.00
First Church DeSoto .....	25.00
Rock Chapel Church .....	20.00
Freda Sell .....	5.00
Calvary Church .....	6.00
First Church O'Fallon .....	5.00
Mine LaMotte Church .....	10.00
Low Ground Church .....	5.00
Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary .....	636.56
Fellowship Church .....	121.00
Jo Ann Thomas .....	10.00
First Church Monett .....	2.00
Neosho Church .....	25.00
Parkview Church .....	29.00
South Side Church .....	25.00
Union Light Church .....	24.00
Victory Church .....	90.90
Victory DVBS .....	24.23
Hurryville Church .....	30.00
First Church Mtn. Grove .....	38.75
Kirksville Church .....	2.00
Cooperative Receipts - June .....	839.38
Total General Fund .....	\$2314.49

Designated gifts for Jefferson City	
Building Fund Loan	
St. Francois Co. S.S. Convention .....	25.00
Royal Oaks Church .....	15.00
First Church Waynesville .....	112.50
National Home Missions .....	39.00
Farmington Church .....	29.00
Walter Price .....	15.00
Total .....	\$235.50
General Fund .....	2314.49
Jefferson City Bld. Fund .....	235.50
Total giving for month .....	\$2549.99

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## SUNDAY NEVER COMES:

My brother Henry, is in the eleventh grade. He plays on the football team and works on Sunday at a service station.

Karen, my sister, is the oldest except Mom and Dad. She attends the community college and wants to go to New York next year and attend a school there that teaches you to act. Every week-end she attends two or three movies and says they will help her learn how she can become a good actress.

Mother says she has her fingers in too many pies. I think she means that she is too busy. Well, she does prepare our meals, wash and iron, as well as keep the house. She is an officer in the PTA and belongs to a club just for women. She is chairman to raise some money for a good cause and the only time she can visit in all the homes is on Sunday.

Dad is an executive. I think he is boss. He does a lot of flying. Sometimes we don't see him for a week or two. He says he has to provide for us. He is going to a conference in a few minutes. The church bell is ringing now.

So you see, Sunday never really comes to our house. I know Henry needs more spending money, and Karen wants to be a big success. Mother desires to do her share, and Daddy must make some money for us to buy food and stuff.

I hope Sunday will always come at your house. Then you will have a home. There is a lot of difference you know! Oh, yes, I should introduce myself. I am Phillip. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I am going to Sunday School without breakfast and without my family.

Ed. Note: Copied from "The Arrow" the Kansas counterpart to the GEM. Thank you Editor Stallings.



## 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.  
Psalm 19:14

### No Time

I knelt to pray, but not for long.  
I had too much to do.  
Must hurry off and get to work,  
For bills would soon be due.

And so I said a hurried prayer,  
Jumped up from off my knees,  
My Christian duty now was done.  
My soul could be at ease.

All through the day I had no time  
To speak a word of cheer.  
No time to speak of Christ to friends  
They'd laugh at me I feared.

No time. No time, too much to do.  
That was my constant cry  
No time to give to those in need.  
At last it was time to die.

And when before the Lord I came  
I stood with down cast eyes.  
Within His hands He held a book,  
It was the book of life.

God looked into His book and said,  
"Your name I cannot find,  
"I once was going to write it down,  
"But never found the time."

—Mrs. Floyd Francis

He drew a circle that shut me out.  
Knave, heretic, a thing to clout.  
But Love and I had the will to win,  
We drew a circle that took him in.

—Markham

## FALL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN IN WITH PEOPLE

IN WITH PEOPLE is the theme for the Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This enlargement program is designed with the basic Bible instruction "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." (Luke 14:23)

There are several purposes:

1. To make contact with all who have once attended Sunday school but have become "drop outs."
2. To reach the unreached.

The thrust of the campaign is that of a building from week to week, adding a new emphasis to those already begun. There will be five major thrusts: Intercession, Involvement, Invitation, Investment, and Ingathering. The program is built in such a manner that any church may rearrange the thrust to its own desires.

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

Division A - over 500 average  
Division B - 400-500 average  
Division C - 300-399 average  
Division D - 200-299 average  
Division E - 150-199 average  
Division F - 100-149 average  
Division G - 50-99 average  
Division H - under 49 average

The enlargement campaign will begin on Sunday, October 3, and continue through Sunday, October 31, 1971. Sunday schools in each division who experience the greatest percentage of gain over the 13 weeks average attendance for April-May-June, 1971 will be declared winners and awarded appropriate plaques denoting first and second place.

THE PRESENT SIZE OF YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOES NOT HINDER YOU FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN YOUR DIVISION. Campaign materials are available from the Sunday School Department. Order early!



# Womans World



Mrs. Lucille Beatty met with the ladies of the Gateway Church, St. Louis, to assist them in organizing a Woman's Auxiliary. The April 26 meeting served as an introduction to the Auxiliary through presentation of its history and purpose. The Constitution and By-laws were accepted, Committees were appointed, and officers elected. The first Monday of each month was selected as meeting date. The initial membership was 13.

The newly elected officers were installed in a beautiful candlelight service with a background of special singing by Dean Wagner and Sharon Marchbanks, Sunday, June 6. The officers pictured left to right are: President, Virginia

Davis; Vice-president, Anna McFarland; Recording Secretary, Sharon Marchbanks; Treasurer, Barbara Duff; Personal Service Evangelism Chairman, Ruth Presnell; Missions Chairman, Audrey Mungle; Program-Prayer Chairman, Sherri Camp—standing in for her mother Betty Camp who was unable to attend; Study Course Chairman, Alma Pollard; and Corresponding Secretary, Janet Mungle.

Monthly meeting of the Berkeley Woman's Auxiliary met June 2 with the usual order of business. Each member was to invite a lady of the church whose name started with the same letter to increase attendance. A Bible quiz to test the Bible knowledge of those attending concluded the program. Mrs. Clark led in the dismissal prayer.

The Merl's Chapel Woman's Auxiliary sponsored their Vacation Bible School. Thirty children were enrolled. Concluding services were held June 20 with most parents present for the graduation program. Besides learning about the Bible and Christian living the children enjoyed a "Treat at the Creek" with ice cream and cookies.

Fourteen members were present at the July 7 meeting of the Berkeley Woman's Auxiliary. Books which had been collected were delivered to the U.S.O., designated offerings were voted for the Bible College, and delegates were elected to the State Meeting at Waynesville. The lesson was presented by Jerry Plumber.



## PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



**L**ACLEDE COUNTY Quarterly Meeting assembled with Waynesville Church, June 5. Pastor Maness delivered the introductory message and Brother Beatty preached the 11:00 a.m. message. Some items of new business were introduced and plans for the forth-coming State Association were discussed.

I was privileged to deliver the sermon in Happy Hill Church Sunday morning, June 6. Pastor Fulkerson reports several were saved in their revival early this spring. Some new converts were baptized Sunday afternoon in the river near the church. In recent months they have built a Sunday School annex to their church. They gave a cash offering to the cooperative plan. Sunday evening I visited Pastor Helms and the Meramec Heights Church and delivered the message there.

June 18, I attended one day of the Teen Session of our Youth Encampment at Niangua. There was a great moving of the Lord in the Camp. Some were saved, and

many made decisions for the Lord. The State Church Training Service activities were completed Friday night. Awards were presented to the winning teams. This was also a fine service.

In response to an invitation from Pastor Gene McCully and the Pleasant Grove Church, I delivered the sermon there Sunday morning, June 20. We enjoyed a good service. This church is moving forward for the Lord, and support the cooperative program. Their C.T.S. group brought home two first place awards presented by the Missouri State Church Training Service.

Forty-five churches sent Cooperative Funds in June, thus we are on schedule. With one month to go, Brethern lets rally and go beyond our goal **FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.**

Remember that Bibles and religious materials are available at your own Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS, JUNE, 1971

Kirksville	\$ 30.00
Salem	20.00
Mine LaMotte	12.80
Leadington	160.90
Olivett	130.00
Beacon	203.72
Happy Hill	7.00
Pleasant Ridge	21.50
Gateway	44.00
Garfield	28.87
Marshfield	31.20
Houston	97.00
Victory	246.96
Fourth	229.82
Berke	358.50
Happy Home	13.30
Verdella	37.50
Columbia	42.04
Black Oak	30.00
Carterville	32.46
Monett	193.66
Granby	13.48
Copper Mines	58.00
Rock Chapel	22.06
Grace	279.55
Cabool	67.84
Merl's Chapel	25.22
Lebanon, First	262.11
DeSoto, First	123.40
New Harmony Sunday School	22.76
Union Light	33.37
Hurryville	70.33
Union (Gladden)	60.00
Grant Avenue	198.57
West Plains, First	85.00
Parkview	50.00
Mine LaMotte	17.11
Willow Springs	92.27
Beacon	158.80
South Side	174.00
Fredericktown, First	519.94
Fellowship	50.00
Hickory Grove	24.83
Pleasant Grove	23.56
Cedar Ridge	61.27
less 10% transferred from FWBBC to Foreign Missions	6.80
Hannon	5.00
Royal Oaks	1.00
Correction	.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,477.65</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS, JUNE, 1971

00.25% Superannuation	\$ 11.20
01.00% C.T.S. & S.S.	44.78
04.00% GEM	179.11
04.00% Youth Camp	179.11
07.00% General Fund	313.44
16.00% Promotional	716.42
18.75% Missouri Missions	839.56
51.00% 7 Missouri Depts.	\$2,283.62
03.00% Hillsdale College	134.33
00.50% Theological Com.	22.38
01.00% Laymans Board	44.78
01.50% R.E.A.P.	67.16
03.00% C.T.S.	134.33
07.00% Home Missions	313.44
10.00% Executive Dept.	447.76
10.00% F.W.B.B.C.	447.76
less designated	6.80
13.00% Foreign Missions	582.09
plus designated	6.80
<b>46.00% 8 National Depts.</b>	<b>\$2,059.70</b>
<b>100.00% Total disbursed</b>	<b>\$4,477.65</b>