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# Personal from the Editor



**W**E CAN CONQUER fear. Fear is a creature with a thousand faces. It comes as the Psalmist says, "as an arrow, a pestilence." Today an arrow is a plaything for a small boy. Pestilences are robbed of their sting by the antidotes scientists have discovered. But we still have threats—greater than ever—nuclear bombs, missiles, A-powered submarines. So we still have fear. It is abroad everywhere in the world. It is the dominant element in the lives of multitudes of men and women today.

The Bible has much to say about fear. In 1 John we read: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear." Any good concordance gives two full pages of references to *fear*.

There are three types of fear which we commonly experience:

1. The ghost-story kind. We amuse ourselves by telling each other weird, far-out stories. Sometimes these produce a second-hand kind of fear. In this consideration, we can safely leave this kind of fear to one side.
2. Then there is the instructive kind of fear. This provides a protection for us from possible harm. It is said of the famed English naval hero, Admiral Nelson, that he did not know the meaning of fear. He would stand on the deck of his flagship and see ships cracking all about him, yet he would not acknowledge defeat. Most of us, however, are not as fearless as Admiral Nelson. Most of us learn quickly to shield ourselves from harm as the fear instinct operates to protect us.
3. Then there is the nagging, persistent, soul-defying fear of a dread event that may come in the future. Such dread takes all the troubles of tomorrow and puts them into the world of today. It is of this kind of fear that Jesus

said, "Take no thought of tomorrow."

In the first chapter of the book of Deuteronomy is a remarkable analysis of fear. The Israelites had just come out of slavery. Their backs were bent by years of servitude. They were now in the desert under the hot sun of the day and the cold of the nights. Under Moses they had received divine law as well as the report of the spies in regard to the Promised Land. Then the corrosive action of fear began to do its work.

What was the basic cause of their fears? Was it not that they shifted their attention from the known causes to the unknown consequences? As a result they neglected their ultimate goals.

There are difficulties to overcome in every life. So often we forget the resources available to overcome these obstacles. When this happens our magnified fear comes in great crushing waves. We see no open roads ahead. We shift our attention to difficulties rather than goals. Ought we not hear the words of Moses? He turns our attention to spiritual solutions. "You have no trust," were his words to the Israelites.

In the Christian life the basis of utilizing all of God's resources lies in that one idea, "trust." It shifts one's eyes from the human plane up where one can look into the face of God. God is the one source of power in our lives and world, to help us overcome fear. To the Christian, there is promised divine strength for every testing. Hear the word of Isaiah: "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." Why do we not employ this amazing promise of God? It is usable at any time.

In Deuteronomy we have this antidote to fear: "The Eternal God is thy dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms." Paul's observation that "perfect love casteth out fear" is the language of faith. It is the expression of certainty that our lives were given to us by a God who is rich in wisdom and able to keep us in any situation.

Paul suggests: "Whether we live unto the Lord, or whether we die unto the Lord," is not of supreme moment; "we are the Lord's." If we are in the hands of a loving God, we are secure. That is all we know—and all we need to know.

"Through Christ who strengtheneth" we can conquer fear.

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## NEWS FROM OUR COLLEGES

### 457 ENROLLMENT LARGEST EVER FOR BIBLE COLLEGE

A new record enrollment of 457 students was set as Free Will Baptist Bible College began its 30th year of operation recently. The 186 new students joined 271 returnees to set the new record.

Within this year's student body are 148 who are studying for the ministry and 44 preparing for missionary service. Of the 266 men and 191 women enrolled, 333 are single students and 124 are married.

Four Missourians are among those new students enrolled this fall: Wesley Bigelow, Raytown; Deborah Hendershott, St. Louis; Linda Stephens, DeSoto; and James Ward, St. Louis.

Free Will Baptist Bible College recently announced plans for the school's annual Missionary Conference, November 15-17. Speakers for the meeting will include layman missionary Paul Robinson, who ministers in Uruguay, and the Reverend Eddie Payne, on leave from Ivory Coast.

The Reverend Reford Wilson will speak on behalf of the denomination's Foreign Missions Depart-



Teachers assisted the 186 new students who enrolled for classes at the Bible College this fall.

ment during the Conference and the Reverend Homer Willis will represent the Department of Home Missions. The Reverend Leroy Forlines, FWBBC Bible professor, and Dr. Robert Picirilli, registrar for the school, will also speak during the meeting.

The Bible College's recent appeal for \$25,000 to erase the school's indebtedness met with a generous response from Free Will Baptists. The drive, termed *DEBT RETIREMENT DAY: August 31*, resulted in more than enough response to clear the building campaign debt and pave the way for further campus expansion.

Jack Paramore, Director of Development for the Bible College, expressed deep gratitude to those Free Will Baptists whose generosity in this drive made victory possible.

### Things are Happening at Hillsdale.

As you have already noticed, *we have changed our name* since last year, from Oklahoma Bible College, to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. "Oklahoma" was removed from the name because the Oklahoma State Association voted to make Hillsdale a regional school, rather than a state school. The board of trustees is now composed of representatives of Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, and Texas as well as Oklahoma. The words "Bible College" were removed from the name because Hillsdale is committed to a Christian liberal arts approach to education, rather than the Bible College approach. Of course, Hillsdale is no less Christian, and no less Bible-centered than before. We are simply attempting to fill the Christian education gap that exists in our denomination by providing a place where our young people can get accredited liberal arts training in a Free Will Baptist institution standing firmly upon Bible standards.

Speaking of accreditation, that's another thing that is HAPPENING AT HILLSDALE. This past April Hillsdale College was

granted accreditation status by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. That means that credits received by a student at Hillsdale can be transferred to other colleges and universities in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, with full academic respect.

HAPPENING? Recent personnel changes give us both regret and anticipation. Long time friends of the school noted with regret the resignation of Dr. J. D. O'Donnell from the presidency of Hillsdale, though we, in the state of Missouri, can rejoice in that his leaving Hillsdale brought him to our state, as pastor of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield. We view with eager anticipation, however, the future of Hillsdale under the leadership of the newly elected president, Mr. Bill Jones, a 10 year veteran of missionary service in Ivory Coast, Africa.

But all of these things that are HAPPENING AT HILLSDALE are but shadows compared to what is HAPPENING in the lives of the students who attend there. Knowledge gained . . . skills attained . . . spiritual lives deepened . . . bodies disciplined . . . social lives developed . . . all for the express purpose of enabling Christian young people to carry out the Great Commission more effectively. Some as occupational Christian workers. Some as lay men and lay women. All as ambassadors of Jesus Christ, "approved unto God," alert, eager, effective. That the best thing that's HAPPENING AT HILLSDALE.

HAPPENING? Things are HAPPENING AT HILLSDALE. But the things that happen don't just happen. Some one makes them happen. One wise man said 75% of the people do not know anything is happening. 20% of the people observe what is happening, but 5% of the people make things happen. We hope you will be among the 5% to help make things continue to HAPPEN AT HILLSDALE. We need your prayers, your financial support, and your students, so we can keep on saying: "Things are HAPPENING AT HILLSDALE."

# CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

## "Proof #12"

We do sincerely regret that there was no copy available for this feature for October. I was wrong. I thought our young people, pastors, and youth leaders would be interested enough to supply material for these "Proof #'s". They were not. We do wish to say thank you to the two pastors and one youth worker who helped supply material. As, and if, material comes in, we will continue the "Proof #" series.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Central Western Association met August 29, with the Verdella Church. Eight of their nine churches were represented. The pastor of the Greenfield Church, Rev. Winfred Davis, brought the morning message. A program of special music followed the noon meal. An offering was taken to be sent to Hillsdale College to help repair the air conditioning in the girl's dormitory. The next meeting, designated as Mission Day, will meet with the Hickory Grove Church in October. Rev. Jerry Pinkerton will be the special guest speaker.

Brother Willis (Pete) Emily and his wife, Bess, joined the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church in 1939 and along with a few others kept the doors open through trying times. He is the father-in-law of Rev. Woodrow Messex, a Free Will Baptist minister now serving in Florida. Brother Pete will be sadly missed from the Richwoods Church, but we rejoice that we shall meet again.

The Lone Star Church, Seymour, is seeing its members step out for God. Three young men have accepted God's call into the ministry and are stepping out by faith to serve. Lester and Patty Davis with their three children have moved their home to Nova Scotia, Canada where they are pastoring one of the two Free Will Baptist churches there. Bob and Jo Simmons and their three children are now working at the Lead Hill Church. Brother Bob was licensed at the Harmony Quarterly Meeting in August. Wesley Snyder is taking God in his heart and his Bible as he goes into the Navy. The church reports they are experiencing revival and request continued prayer.

Sunday, September 5, was Homecoming Day at the Richwoods Church. God's blessings were felt and enjoyed by all present. Special music was presented by the "Chapelettes" and the Gabe Wallace Family from the O'Fallon church in the St. Louis area. Pray with this Church that they may continue to labor mightily for the Lord.

Victory Free Will Baptist Church held their annual Home Coming as a week-end revival September 10-12. Rev. Wayne Bookout from Sand Springs came as evangelist. We shall look forward to a report from these services.

The Bobby Poole family from Brazil was scheduled to be with the Missionary Rally to be held with the Beacon Church, Thurs-

day night, September 23. The Rally is to be held in conjunction with the District Woman's Auxiliary meeting.

The teenagers from Victory Church attended a recent Royal's baseball game where they passed out one thousand tracts. This is one opportunity to confront people with the gospel. One of the responses was from a girl in Abilene, Texas. The printed ministry is often overlooked.

The annual Missouri Free Will Baptist Minister's Retreat was well attended with forty-one registered for the session. This is the largest number who have ever registered. All those attending felt it was good to have been there. God blessed and the fellowship was good. Next year's Retreat will begin on the Monday following Labor Day and extend through Wednesday noon. With this type planning and advance announcement we should all be able to put it on our calendar for next year.

Mr. Ernest Lynn Frazier, who has served as editor of Adult Sunday school curriculum materials for the past eighteen months, has assumed a teaching position at Northeast State College in Kirksville, Missouri.

Mr. Frazier came to the Department from a teaching position in a Junior College at Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1969 where he was a professor of electronics. His new position is in the same field.

During his tenure in Nashville he developed the popular Visual Instruction Packet so widely used among Teen through Adult teachers.

In his resignation, Mr. Frazier states, "I feel certain the Lord led me to full-time service with the Sunday School Department, but I feel just as certain He is now leading me to the teaching position at Northeast Missouri State College at Kirksville, Missouri."

The successor to the Adult editorship has not yet been announced.



## MISSIONS MAILBOX

Missouri Foreign Missions giving this month added up to \$4,257.01.

### brother frank writes:

THANKS! from the bottom of my heart to a great State for their wonderful support. . . . AND I REALLY DO MEAN THAT!

It would be extremely difficult to put into one letter all of the wonderful ways in which you folk have rallied to our needs. For instance, our building loan. Several have been giving regularly and systematically and have retired in the last 5 months about \$610.00. HOW WE PRAISE GOD FOR THIS KIND OF LOYALTY!

. . . Then, there's our "Bus project". (We'll say more about that later.) I think to date we have received \$250.00—about half of the needed amount. Our regular support (which pays my salary, the rent on the parsonage and utilities) continue to come in each month. And then, because it's so very important to us, many, many folk have encouraged us personally or by letter. All of this goes to make up—in my opinion—A GREAT STATE!

"HOPE," "EXPECTATION," "DESIRE." These words partially describe what enters the heart of the Pastor and people as they anticipate revival.

God surely did bless in our revival. We would like to have seen more saved and larger crowds present, but we were not short on

blessings. There were 2 saved—a young man of 17, Mike Perkins, and a young mother, whose children attended my wife's Good News Club, Mrs. Delbert Thomas. Mrs. Thomas's husband was saved a number of weeks ago in a Sunday Morning service. Now, the family is guided by Godly parents.

We were thrilled each night as Bro. Cliff Bowman, our evangelist, presented God's Word. And, oh how we appreciated the Minister's Quartet (Bro. Jim McAllister, Bro. Dale Skiles, and Bro. Bud Hill) who set aside their heavy schedules to help us during those services. There is no doubt in my mind that our Church experienced genuine revival.

Please continue to pray for our new converts and our Church as well, that it will continue in a revived attitude.

During this month we have had a rather small attendance due to vacations, sickness and a few other varied reasons. This made us have a low average, even with a record high attendance the 29th, of 45 in Sunday School and 49 in Morning Worship Service. Our average in Sunday School was 26 and in Morning Worship Service was 31. That's a gain of 2 over last month's average. We are really thrilled that we have broken our record again.

We are beginning to need another Sunday School classroom. Of course this is work for our people here in Jeff City, but we thought you'd like to praise the Lord with us for this need. We have the room—now we need to make it ready.

Mrs. Giunta had 13 in her class last Sunday, which meets in the Nursery, and could really have used some extra space. We'll soon have to divide to multiply.

### praise

Marie Cousineau sends news of the Lord's continued blessings on their ministry in the Ivory Coast. Five adults were saved recently, and some young people walk a

considerable distance to hear God's Word preached.

The Bill Fulcher family arrived safely in Panama. They have rented a house near where they will be working, and their children have been accepted in school. The Fulchers join the Tom Willeys, Jr. who are already ministering in Panama.

A small advertisement in the telephone book by the church in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil has resulted in a contact from a Catholic priest to missionary Don Robirds. The priest had been reading the Bible and felt there was more to salvation than what his church offered. Pray for Don as he counsels with this man that he might lead him to a saving knowledge of Christ.

### pray

Pray for Marvis Eagleton and her family. We received word of her mother's death on August 18 in Henderson, Texas.

Judy Robirds will arrive in the States September 3 to attend school at Toccoa Falls Institute in Georgia. Pray that she will be able to adjust to campus life quickly.

The Wesley Calverys and the Larry Condit departed for Japan August 31. Pray for them as preparations are begun for an evangelistic thrust during the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo.

Pray for Tom and Nancy Hughes in Brazil. They have begun language school to learn Portuguese. Also pray for their good health, as they are both recovering from a virus attack.

Margaret Merkh returns to France September 6. Pray for her safe travel.

June Wilkinson writes, "Little by little we're making contacts. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom and understanding as to what to do and when. We plan to open the reading room downtown soon and begin English classes. Please pray for this." The John Crafts and Jim Combses also work with the Wilkinsons in Tubarao, where a new Free Will Baptist witness is being established.

# REFLECTIONS OF A HOST PASTOR

## on the State Association

By Rev. Vergel A. Maness

**T**HE QUIET of the night and the stillness of the atmosphere causes a moment of reflection over the last year. The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists have invaded, conquered and left Waynesville never to be the same again. Months had gone into the planning and some tireless days of labor along with much prayer but it was all over now; or is it? Can anything so much labored over and prayed for be over in just four days? Can 1,000 people flow through a town in four days, stay in motels, hotels, eat in restaurants, and sandwich shops, walk through markets, dress shops, and men's wear; fill parking lots to capacity, leave tracks and testimony behind and the town or community be the same as before or no better? This pastor thinks not. In 1969 he came to Waynesville looking for the will of God for the life of family and self not really sure that this was the place of God's labor for him. After some time it became apparent that the Church must be enlarged to meet the needs of the growing congregation. The sanction of God seemed to be on the union of pastor and congregation. As the new Church building began to take shape there came to the mind, "Could this small 'group of believers,' (some forty on the books, but as in most cases not all active) host such a giant as the State Association?" Talk began to humm, minds began to spin, "Could we?" The question became a challenge! Dare we try? Was it the will of God? Would God honor and bless such an endeavor? The local Laclede County Association said they would like to try and help bring the State to the area. A vote was taken and unanimously agreed to ask.

Then came the 1970 session meeting at Trinity Baptist in Bridgeton, Missouri, such a great crowd and such a large beautiful Church, dare we ask? Too late, the letter from the Laclede County Assoc. was in the hands of the State clerk and the request had been given to the General Board representative, "Bring home the State!" Many God fearing, Christ honoring, Church interested men wondered, "Is it wise to try such a venture in such a small community and congregation?" (I thank these men for being prayerful enough to consider the idea and invitation for some three months.) At the fall General Board meeting the Board granted the invitation contingent upon the High School auditorium being available. It was available after checking as high in politics as the State Attorney General for a ruling on the use of School property for such affairs.

Now, place yourself in the shoes of this pastor, you have just gone past the point of no return and suddenly you realize there are a multitude of things—loose ends that need to be tied to get finished and prepared before the Church is ready. You began to think, "... after all of the things you

have done it had better be good when the State convenes." In June at the Youth Camp a new idea was conceived and at the National in Nashville, Tennessee it became more than an idea it became a challenge. Youth *must* have a part in the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Again the fears, doubts, "... will it work ... will they come ... will the pastors and churches be interested?" We must try!

Reflecting from this point and recaping the statistics, Monday night the Sunday School Board and C.T.S. presented Reverend Frank Giunta to a filled sanctuary of people. God blessed with His presence and the State meeting had begun. Tuesday morning brought a new challenge, the church basement was flooded with 2 inches of water—the devil works hard and overtime to stop that which will bless the children of God. Preachers, deacons and friends pitched together to remove the hindrance the devil was defeated again! Mrs. Willey was scheduled to be interviewed on the local radio station along with Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, and after talking to Sister Willey only a short time the interviewer decided to make another session available for Dr. J. D. O'Donnell and make two interviews available rather than one for two different days—God honored and the *full* results of the interviews are still to be seen, but results have already been seen. Mrs. Willey spoke at the 11:00 Worship hour for the Ladies Auxiliary and the heart of each worshiper was touched and drawn to a new level of consecration. Mrs. Cleo Pursell from the National Auxiliary office gave some recaps from Nashville—and some of the women received a "double blessing." During the afternoon devotion Bro. Wesley Calvery and family along with John Yasuda moved the Ladies session into a Spiritual high to really make things right for the Ladies Banquet and the Tuesday night opening official session of the State. At the Auxiliary Banquet Sister Willey again spoke and even those who worked in the banquet hall and kitchen were challenged by the spiritual magnitude. At the close of the meal and devotional presentation a tip was left for those who had served so efficiently—one lad returned his whole part of the offering, touched by the hand of God, he wanted it to go to the Church. (This 22 year old young man does not attend church anywhere.)

After all of the wonderful blessing that had preceeded the opening session it would be inconceivable that this 1971 State Meeting would not be above all that had preceeded it. The Tuesday evening congregation was near 400 and to our displeasure the heat was too much to bear but God blessed with His presence and the meeting blessed the saints of God with Rev. Glenn Rekhop bringing the key note address. During the evening Rev. Bill Reeves and wife were given special plaques of recognition for their part in the 21 years of service to the State at the Youth Camp at Niangua, Missouri. "The uncomfortableness of the heat in the auditorium could not do it!" Those attending the Missouri State were determined to be in the Spirit of God and unity and the heat "welded us together" in prayer for the lost and the full effect of the gospel in the State of Missouri through the efforts of a united Free Will Baptist Church.

Wednesday morning the reports of each Board and National office began to bring the mind of the saints to a greater challenge. Then Rev. Henry Long took the stand for God to challenge us with the Master Builder Himself as his theme. Three hundred were packed into the building that is at capacity only to seat a little over two hundred. The man of the hour was more than competent to speak about the Master Builder; he could speak of a personal acquaintance and challenged to introduce anyone who dared to come to Him. What a blessing and there was more to come! The afternoon session began by—the devil at work again—all the electricity in the area going out; no air conditioning, no fans

and about 175 delegates, visitors and friends trying to do business for God in "Building God's Church in the Twentieth Century". Is the Church durable? "Praise God, it is." The intense heat of the summer afternoon could not melt the strong bond of unity and love for the advancement of the Lord Jesus Christ through the Free Will Baptist of the State of Missouri. The meeting that is always expected to be the Spiritual high of the week of worship proved to be an added blessing with a "new block" of attenders some 250 youth—"Glory, they did come!" God blessed and the man of the hour, Rev. Wesley Calvery, presented the voice of God that the Church must be "real and genuine" souls came to the altars weeping to be used and "genuine". The attendance was estimated as being between 750 to 800.

The Youth Banquet Wednesday night following the Spirit filled Missionary services at the newly built Ted Williams Steak House on Interstate 44; and a "howling success" it was. The management reported 312 steaks and meals served with more than they could even dare to expect in courtesy for the time it took to get all served. The statement in describing the banquet was "howling" those that howled the loudest were the preachers when Bro. Maness asked all of them to rise from their comfortable seats and *retire to the kitchen*. After some time of readjusting there was a place for everyone to sit and "enjoy" the evening and meal. (Some have expressed a desire to know if all of the money was turned in for this meal, 312 were served and 294 paid. The difference has been taken care of and maybe through some mistakes some one forgot or over looked the amount that was the difference.) This writer knows that some of the sponsors had to wait until the program was almost over to get their meal but we thank God for their understanding and desire to be used of God to bring their youth to the meeting. Some of the groups were until 3 and 4 a.m. getting home but we are sure they are better for having come to the State and Youth Banquet. The local youth of the First Church are and were greatly strengthened for having gone. Little "Oscar" from the Ozarks, Matilda & Clime Kadidhoper, were among the honored guests. But the special guest to bring the gospel in song was John Yasuda and the Calvery family, God bless these dedicated, wonderful people. They have been a real boost and blessing to the State of Missouri in their itinerant work—may we be a boost and blessing to them as they return to the mission field to labor for Christ and Free Will Baptists.

Wednesday services may have been the high in attendance and were truly a great peak in Spiritual values but the Thursday worship service was another great high as the man of God for the hour spoke concerning the "Durability of the Church." He reminded us that the Church is durable and lasting but that, "we need, yea, must become more involved to make it effective." A structure may be durable and lasting without being useful. The prophet, Rev. Jim Bundy, used words that rung clear and true as the nation Israel had come to the same place that he warned the Church is going toward. (References Haggai, Chapters 1 and 2 along with Revelation 2 and 3. During the days that followed this pastor talked to residence of the town and the message that was most discussed by those in attendance was this parting "revelation from the hand of God" through His dedicated servant.

The reflection is nostalgia in that I would love to do it all again! I believe the State can be the long prayed for Revival in any Church that will host it. The community will long remember and know about Free Will Baptists; don't be afraid to introduce them they'll love each other. Invite the State to your Church, we are planning now for another time when we can truly with all of the accommodations being available at the Church host the "Revival Meeting" again.

## 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

I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day,  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded to my will.  
I came again when days were passed;  
The bit of clay was hard at last,  
The form I gave it still it bore,  
But I could change that form no  
more.

I took a piece of living clay  
And touched it gently day by day,  
And molded with my power and art  
A young child's soft and yielding  
heart.  
I came again when days were gone;  
It was a mind I looked upon:  
That early impress still it bore,  
And I could change that form no  
more.

Men say: "God will not blot any-  
one's name out of the Book of  
Life."

God says: "Whosoever hath sinned  
against me, him will I blot out of  
my book." (Exodus 32:33.)

A bad moment for an atheist is when  
he feels grateful, and has no one to  
thank.—Spurgeon.

Time is money.  
We have no right to waste our own or  
another's time.  
Time is power.  
We have no right to throw it away.  
Time is life.  
We must value it greatly.  
Time is God's.  
He has given it to us for a purpose.  
Time is a sacred trust.  
We must answer for every moment.  
Time is preparation for eternity.  
We must redeem it.

# THE BEST FRIEND

By Charles O'Halloran  
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**I**N HIS PLAY, "The Iceman Cometh", Eugene O'Neill deals with the matters of belief and of self-delusion.

What, really, is the difference between a deeply held conviction and a fantasy? That which to one man is a profound religious faith may seem to another little more than a foolish set of superstitions. Which man is correct?

O'Neill and others have long since maintained that belief, even when it is belief in un-belief, is the stuff of sanity and that without it men move toward despair.

It is easy, I think, to imagine an individual who methodically conjures doubts about long held truths, systematically reducing them to absurdity, and strips himself of every vestige of faith. Presumably if this is done thoroughly enough and completely enough, the futility of existence itself becomes clear and despair emerges. This kind of doubt, it seems to me, is the road to spiritual and/or physical suicide. If nothing is of value, even life itself, then why live?

If this be so in the case of individuals, what of nations and people?

Once upon a time the mere threat of attack upon this Nation by a foreign power drove young men to the recruiting stations; today there are those who contemplate the national mood and wonder whether an actual attack upon the United States would impel many young persons to seek to serve.

Once upon a time a single policeman—the symbol of law—could calm an unruly mob; today policemen store up military equipment and bloody fights between the law and the citizens are commonplace.

Once, active, wholehearted participation in the economic system was the goal of Americans (... Horatio Alger ... "the point is to make a dollar" ..... etc...etc...): today one gets an impression of apathy toward participation and a sneering contempt for what is labeled "gross mater-

ialism".

Once one read regularly of serious problems met and solved by imagination and enterprise; now one hears almost too much about problems growing more and more severe and the only hope for solution is massive new government programs—Why don't "they" do something.

Once one heard of unfriendly, probably uncharitable, confrontation and conflict between religious bodies with an obvious pride of conviction characterizing each of them; today a bland tolerance has ended much of the conflict and with the hostility has gone the pride.

Five examples of millions of instances in which old-time verities have yielded to uncertainty and in which doubt has led to apathetic indifference and to utter rejection of one time certainties.

So this is Progress? Or is it?

Is something of value replaced by nothing an improvement?

Is the shedding of worn-out "fallacies" desirable if these are not replaced or are followed by questionable, shallow, superficial novelties?

Can a person, or a nation, survive if all that it once considered valid and valuable is cast aside to be supplanted either with moral and intellectual anarchy or, perhaps more serious, by the simple, easy, altogether new and exciting propositions of a demagogue who moves into a vacuum of disbelief?

Undoubtedly one can conceive of and then develop a system of doubt regarding every value, truth and tradition known and held by civilized man. One can in the process learn to sneer at ancient truths as specious and discredited.

The question is: if these be foolish; if these be worthless; if these are but transitory value judgments to be rejected at one's convenience, how is it that so many of them have endured for so many centuries and have been esteemed by so many generations of wise men?

In the manufacture of doubt we tend to be

much like the sophomore who lectures his parents on their ignorance of the realities of life as he has learned them in Survey of World History, 136. We are like the village atheist who announces that he has insights never known by Aquinas, Luther, or Calvin. We are like the plumber about to undertake open heart surgery.

Long-standing values, traditions and beliefs are valid and deserve our respectful attention because they *are* long-standing; because they *have* withstood the test of centuries of human experience and analysis; because their rejection in the past has again brought pain and suffering. Just as we *could* re-invent the wheel; just as we *could* try to improve Shakespeare's grammar, so we can try to start afresh in the creation of value systems and benefits.

But should we?

There are those who maintain that every important insight and judgment into value and truth has already been discovered and that to ignore or reject these hard-won discoveries of the past is to invite disaster.

Libraries seek to serve the needs of the here and now to help men as they move toward the future. Those who would conserve the precious heritage of the past and would see that Treasury maintained for generations yet to come know that the library is also the place where the voices of the past, the calm, firm, wise voices of the past, speak out against the raucous and discordant ranting of the sowers of doubt and that it is the place which provides reasonable assurances that truth and value do exist and that sanity, both individual and national, can be maintained.

*Ed. Note: Mr. Charles O'Halloran is a native of Denver, Colorado. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Colorado in 1950 and was awarded the Master of Arts in Librarianship from the University of Denver in 1954. He served as Reference Assistant, Reader's Advisor in the Kansas City Public Library and Librarian of the Rosenberg Public Library of Galveston, Texas before coming to Missouri as State Librarian in 1964. Mr. O'Halloran is concerned with the library in society. This concern and his capable leadership has done much for Missouri libraries specifically and Missouri in general. We are pleased to print this article appearing in Volume 22, number 1, October, 1970 issue of the Show-Me Libraries, published by the Missouri State Library. We appreciate the permission to do so. Thank you, Mr. O'Halloran.*

#### Missouri State Home Mission Giving August 5 - September 5, 1971

Myrtle Ch. ....	16.19
Fellowship Ch. ....	71.00
Fourth Ch. ....	47.00
Parkview Ch. ....	32.00
Rock Chapel Ch. ....	20.00
Copper Mines Ch. ....	27.00
Leadington Ch. ....	241.53
First Ch. Joplin ....	37.35
First Ch. Waynesville ....	5.50
Grant Avenue Church ....	2.00
Hannon Church ....	44.15
Woman's Aux. Belvoir, N.C. ....	2.00
First Ch. West Plains ....	40.00
Mrs. Hoover Lewis ....	10.00
Faith E. Lovelace ....	5.00
Stella Mowry ....	2.00
First Ch. Flat River ....	67.73
St. Francois Co. Qtly. Mtg. ....	25.00
Willow Springs Ch. ....	11.00
Mine LaMotte Ch. ....	10.00
Earl Langley ....	25.00
Ruth Hickman ....	5.00
Mildred Wallace ....	5.00
New Home Ch. ....	20.00
First Ch. Mtn. Grove ....	66.57
New Rock Springs Ch. ....	25.00
Low Ground Ch. ....	5.00
A Friend ....	100.00
First Ch. Pocahontas, Ark. ....	100.00
Women's Aux. N.E. Mo. ....	50.00
Beacon Ch. ....	16.00
N.E. Association ....	40.00
Pleasant Grove Ch. ....	10.00
Cooperative Receipts - Aug. ....	903.56
Total ....	\$2087.58

#### Designated gifts for Jefferson City Building Fund Loan

First Ch. Waynesville ....	43.00
Farmington Ch. ....	46.00
Total ....	89.00
Total giving for month ....	\$2176.58

Secretary-Treasurer  
Rev. Lawrence Thompson  
3416 N. Bellefontaine  
Kansas City, Mo. 64117

Since the retirement of Brother and Sister Reeves from serving as Youth Camp Caretakers, the Youth Camp Board is prayerfully looking for someone to take their place. The Board feels that a semi-retired couple would best meet the needs of this opportunity for service. If You are in this category and feel that the Lord would call you to fill this place please contact Rev. Glenn Murray; Rt. 3; Cabool, Missouri 65689. Pastors, you share a responsibility in helping to fill this position. Look around you, prayerfully, and perhaps you could recommend someone the Board could contact. All Missourians pray. This is a very important post in the work of our Missouri State Association for the Lord.

Dear Editor and Readers of the *GEM*:

We are glad to read the *GEM* and the good work that it reports. Being a minister most of my life, I have seen the Free Will Baptists come a long way in the last fifty years. I have thought when differences came we should come together and discuss matters and stay right in there preaching, praying, and working in the Kingdom. I love the Bible doctrines Free Will Baptists preach.

I am glad we as Free Will Baptists don't think we are the only turtle in the tank or the only fish that can swim. "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body . . ." (1 Cor. 12:13) All the saved are in the one Body. Yes, and that one body is the church, and *all* the saved constitute the church of God or Christ. And He is the head of the body, the Church. No denomination, sect, or order have a scriptural right to call themselves the church of God or Christ exclusively of all others. There is good and bad in all denominations, sects and orders. But in the real church of God there are no Pharisees or hypocrites. They are all saved by the blood of Christ and function in

two aspects: outer, the organic or congregational, and the inner, the spiritual. It is God's building.

*Ed Note: We have not made it a practice to print letters. However, we are making an exception in printing this letter from Rev. Thomas H. Dixon, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church on Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma. We appreciate the letter and other materials sent by Brother Dixon.*

Some addresses you should know and use:

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Missouri Youth Camp Board  
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"The Absentee" . . .

"Someone is absent," the Shepherd said, as over my class book He bent His head: "For several Sundays, too, so tell me, teacher, what did you do?"

"I didn't call as perhaps I should, I wrote some cards, but they did no good; I've never heard and she never came, so I decided to drop their name."

He answered gravely, "A flock was mine, A hundred-no, there were ninety and nine, for one was lost in the dark and cold; I sought that sheep which had left the fold. The path was stony and edged with thorns; my feet were wounded, bruised, and torn, but I kept on seeking, not counting the cost; and, oh, the joy when I found the lost."

Thus spoke the Shepherd in tender tone; I looked and, lo-I was all alone, But God a vision had sent to me, to show His will toward the absentee.

*Ed Note: Borrowed from the Trinity Newsletter. A great deal is said in so few words. Thank you Pastor Spurgeon.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES, 1971

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Copper Mines	82	78	91	99	97	91	95	
DeSoto	71	73	79	91	85	84	91	
Farmington	120			143	117	119	112	
Fredericktown		126	136	151	147			130
Hannon	65		71	73	69			
Lebanon, First	163	147	150	162	139	177	127	144
Mine LaMotte	38	33		52	37	37	47	35
Monett	169	173	188	183	161			
Mt. Pisgah						70	68	71
Oskaloosa		22					22	20
Parkview,								
Desloge	109	92	121	127	104	96	98	103
Salem	41	37	53	48	46	40	34	39
Springfield,								
First	212	195	214	221	217			
Trinity	158		211	196	170	159	132	
Victory	121	113	137	106			97	105
West Plains	142	127		139	128	134	126	130
Willow Springs	95	89	90	103	96	97	100	

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Hi! I'm Kathy Lay, the new editor for the Woman's Page. I live at 2301 Connecticut, in Joplin, Missouri, and my zip code is 64801. I'm married to Andy Lay who is pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin. We have two children: Marty, age 9, and Heidi, age 7. I work at the Osteopathic Hospital here, in the bookkeeping department. Well, now that you know me, I'd like to know more about you. Since I have never done anything like this before, I'm SCARED! As your Woman's Page editor my plea is HELP!!!

Won't you HELP me to know what happens at your auxiliary? Have you gotten a special blessing to share? Do you know a special prayer request or need? Do you have a poem or thought that might be a blessing to some of us? How about a special program idea? If you do, won't you please send them to me? I won't be able to use them all right away, but each month we will need something new.

I hope you will HELP me. We want our page to really be a blessing and a challenge to the ladies in the state of Missouri. Please pray for me and let's work together as Co-Laborers in our GEM.



Why not make Halloween a real "treat" as Christians this year. Check at your local Bible book store and get some Halloween tracts to hand out. They have tracts to give to the children who come to your house "Trick or Treating" and they have some for your children to give away at the homes they visit. Spread the GOOD NEWS whenever and wherever you can. Here is a great opportunity to share your faith! Action Chairmen: Here is a job for you. Don't let a chance like this go by.

### AUXILIARY NEWS . . . .

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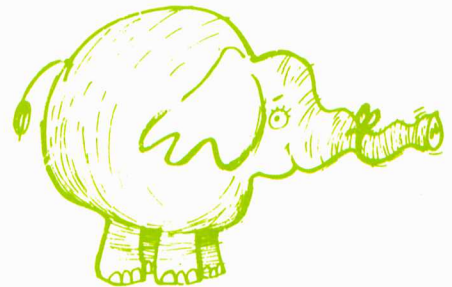
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We've help to send them, now let's not forget them! Who??? Why the Fulchers in Panama; the Mileys in Africa; and the Calverys in Japan. Now that these missionaries have returned to their fields it will be easy to lay them aside when thinking of missions. This is the time they need us. We helped send them back, now we need to keep them there with our continued financial and prayer support. Pray for them daily. I know that they are counting on us. The success of their ministries is in our hands. Be like the elephant and NEVER FORGET YOUR MISSIONARIES.

### Here are some program hints that might help liven up your auxiliary:

Have a "Come As You Are" meeting. Only the officers in charge of this meeting should know just when it will take place. Go around and pick up the ladies in your church; especially those who aren't regular members. Have time for fellowship and refreshments. How about having a Child Evangelism worker instruct the ladies in story telling or flannel work. If you don't know of a CEF worker in your area; write me. Have a TEEN TIME and let your young people be in charge. "Sunshine" meetings are great to involve everyone. Have each lady bring a small gift and at the end of the meeting have your Action Chairman fix a SUNSHINE BOX to take to a shut in. Have you tried a "Backwards" meeting? Have your refreshments first and then do the rest of your program in the opposite way of the usual. Whatever you do . . . . Make your Auxiliary interesting and the ladies will come back. Be friendly. Show God's Love in your face and your actions.

**WE ARE FOUND—TO FIND ANOTHER. WE ARE TOLD—TO TELL ANOTHER  
WE ARE WON—TO WIN ANOTHER**

PROMOTIONAL  
SECRETARY'S CORNER

**T**WENTY-EIGHT churches of Harmony Quarterly Meeting and First Mission Quarterly Meeting composing the Mission Association assembled with Mtn. Grove Church, Thursday and Friday, August 5 and 6. Ministers delivering the gospel messages were Lynn Wood, Glenn Murray, J.D. O'Donnell, Charles Horton, and Rev. Poozhicalayil (P.C. Thomas), a native of India. He is also a member of our Columbia Free Will Baptist Mission Church. Brother Beatty has lived long enough to witness, see, and hear an Indian Missionary from the Idol worshipping country of India preach the Glorious Gospel of Christ here in pagan America to Saints and sinners alike. This speaks in an unusual way to Me: How God uses mysterious ways and persons His wonders to perform. Time was given for our Missouri Promotional program to which 50% of their churches contribute regularly.

On August 6 and 7 the Farmington Church hosted the South East Missouri Association which is composed of three district meetings with thirty-three churches represented. The youth rendered the Friday Evening program with special singing by the Youth Camp Choir and DeSoto Church Youth Choir. Farmington Youth Group gave the program. Rev. Ken Goff preached the Saturday message in the a.m. Plenty time was given for our Cooperative program. Approximately 80% of our churches contribute regularly. While in this district, I attended Madison County Youth Rally Saturday night and St. Francis C.T.S. Sunday p.m.

I delivered the morning sermon at the Leadington Church August 8. The church is growing and moving forward under the leadership of Pastor Hensley.

I delivered the Sunday Evening sermon at the Flat River First

Church. We had a good altar service. Some new families have recently affiliated with the First Church. Pastor Ken Goff is doing a good work there.

August 16 through 19, the Missouri State Association assembled with the Waynesville Church, hosted by the Laclede County Association. Ministers delivering the Gospel Sermons were: Frank Giunta, Mabel Willey, Glen Rehkop, Henry Long, Wesley Calvery, and Jim Bundy. The word was preached with power and great moving of the Holy Spirit prevailed. As a result, the business sessions were harmonious and several major undertakings were passed. In forty years in the ministry here in Missouri I have attended many State Meetings, this was one of the best. Many goals were reached last year. New goals have been projected. Our new proposed goal in Cooperative giving is \$60,000. Please observe the 1971-72 new allocations in the August report.

Royal Oaks Church hosted the Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting, Friday evening, August 27. Brother Matthews delivered the evening sermon. There were two junior boys saved. They gave plenty time for Brother Beatty to explain the new allocation of the Cooperative moneys.

Niangua Quarterly Meeting assembled with Cedar Ridge Church Saturday evening, August 28 through 29. Ministers preaching in their services were, Pastor Douglas, Brother Beatty, and Lin Gardner. Washing of the Saints feet and Communion service concluded the service. Time was given for our Missouri Promotional program also.

Sunday evening, August 29, I delivered the message in Waynesville Church. They are moving forward for the Lord also.

The year is off to a good start. August receipts were \$5,090.50.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS, AUGUST, 1971

Willow Springs	\$ 93.15
St. Joseph, First	20.87
Pleasant Ridge	15.92
Belton	43.00
Gray Summits	28.14
Pleasant Grove	22.22
Oskaloosa	32.95
Hurryville	60.30
Salem	20.00
Farmington	212.88
Mill Creek	89.27
Victory	180.47
Waynesville	406.02
Olivett	120.00
Grace	216.87
Viburnum	64.00
Rock Chapel	19.26
Houston	95.00
Hannon	76.31
O'Bethel	18.45
Byrd	10.00
Cabool	56.57
Fourth	183.07
Leadington	110.50
Thayer	56.74
Verdella	45.79
Lebanon, First	285.30
Monnet	158.14
Happy Home	15.00
Jones Chapel	20.00
Carterville	25.04
Garfield	15.37
Columbia	48.17
Copper Mines	67.00
DeSoto	108.00
Flat River, First	270.00
Mtn. Grove, First	478.90
Marshfield	25.37
Fellowship	50.00
Hickory Grove	26.92
Cedar Ridge	49.33
designated 10%	54.81
Pleasant Grove	33.45
New Rock Springs	33.15
South Side	234.00
Willow Springs	92.25
Parkview	50.00
Leadington	165.80
Gray Summit	25.86
Beacon	194.89
Victory	231.46
Capitol City	83.87
Total Receipts	\$5,090.50

Disbursements for August, 1971

17.75% Missouri Missions	\$903.56
16.00% Promotional	814.48
04.00% General Fund	203.62
03.50% Missouri Youth Camp	178.17
05.00% GEM	279.98
01.00% S.S. and C.T.S.	50.90
00.25% Superannuation	12.74
04.00% Book Store	203.62
52.00% 8 Missouri Depts	\$2,647.07
03.00% Hillsdale College	152.72
00.50% Theological Com.	25.46
00.50% Layman's Board	25.45
01.50% R E A P	76.36
03.00% C.T.S.	152.72
07.00% Home Missions	356.30
09.50% Executive Dept.	483.60
10.00% FWBBC	\$509.05
less designated	54.8
13.00% Foreign Missions	\$661.77
plus designated	5.48
45.00% 8 National Depts	\$2,290.71
100.00% Total Disbursed	\$5,090.50