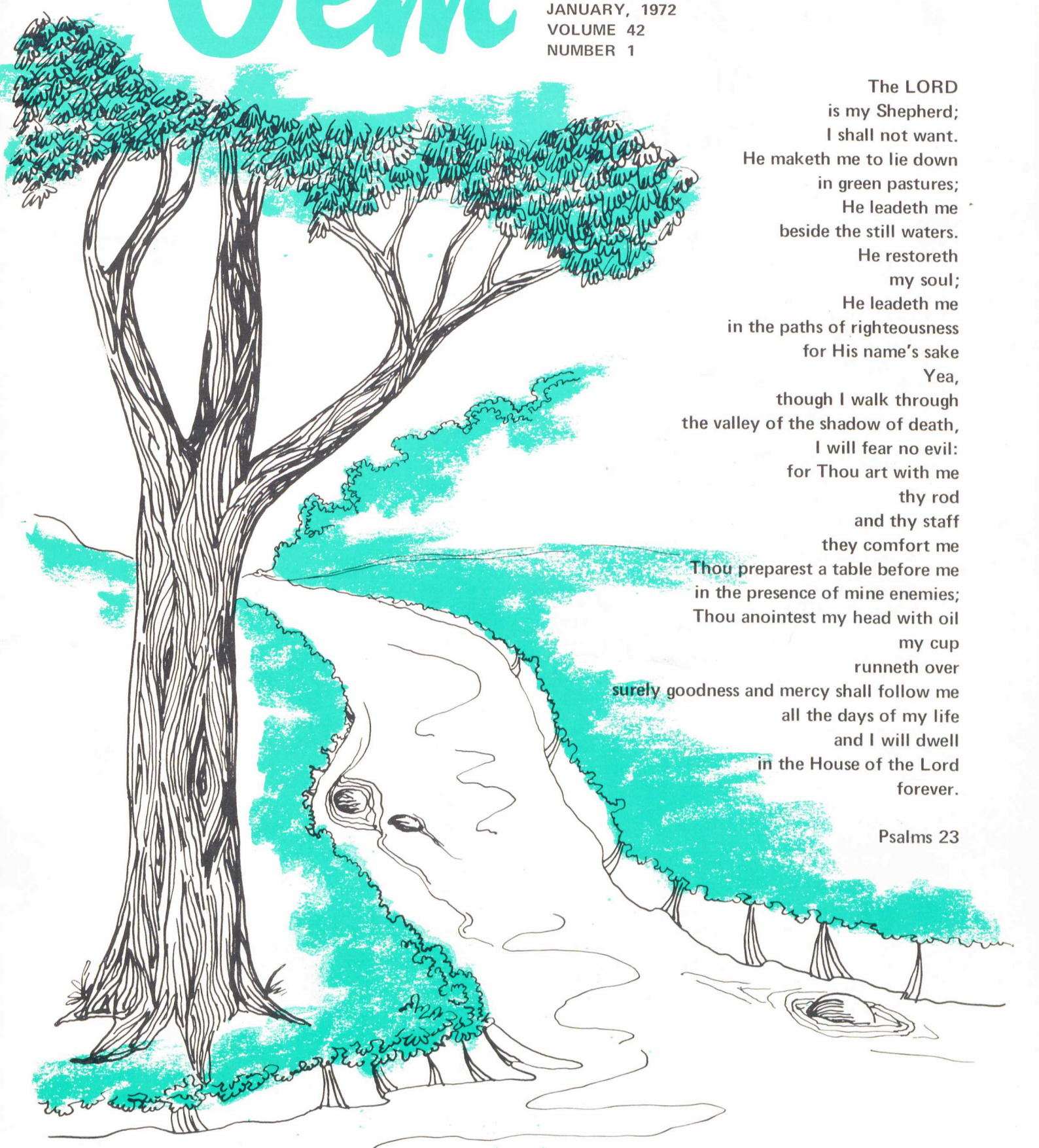


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The LORD
is my Shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures;
He leadeth me
beside the still waters.
He restoreth
my soul;
He leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake
Yea,
though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me
thy rod
and thy staff
they comfort me
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil
my cup
runneth over
surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life
and I will dwell
in the House of the Lord
forever.

Psalms 23

Personal from the Editor



How many people who know you—friends, school mates, acquaintances—know that you are a Christian? This is the basic test of knowing if you are the dynamic Christian who is making an impression for the Lord. If your Christianity doesn't show, then you probably haven't got it. I don't mean you have to stand on the street corner and tell everybody who passes that you are a Christian. If this is the case, then you probably aren't. Everybody who knows you, even casually, should know you are a Christian by your speech, your dress, your actions, and your attitudes. Young people are always asking, "What can I do to live a Christian life right now in the 20th Century?"

In an attempt to simplify, yet hopefully not over-simplify, let us consider another question. What would you do if you were asked to find the area of a triangle? The first thing which should come into your mind would be $A = b/2 \times h$. The area of a triangle can be found by applying the formula which has been proven to work. Who first figured it out, when, where, how, or why all make little difference. It has been proven. It works. One half the base times the height will give you the area of a triangle—any triangle. Math and science, as well as many other areas of knowledge, are full of formulas which work.

"Learn the formula, and apply it," is often repeated advice. Often repeated because it is good advice, and sound.

To a great extent this same principle will work in life. Most problems in life, like most in math will work out to correct solutions if the proper formula is applied. It is true that all people are different and so often comes the question, "Is it possible to find a single formula or answer that will take care of everybody's problems?" Yes. All triangles are different too, yet one formula works. The big problem in solving Math is that of choosing the proper formula. Again, this is also true of living.

Interestingly enough, when people sit down and think through a problem they can generally come up with a solution. A Christian young man who is a junior at Southwest Missouri State College offers this solution, "When something comes up, take time to think about it. Never decide on the spur of the moment. After thinking through the problem and praying about it an answer seems evasive, seek counsel from someone you trust." When I heard this answer I was reminded that Jesus once said, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it will be opened unto you." This, then is a basic formula for living a Christian life. Let's consider some specific questions.

May I be friends to those who drink or do other things a Christian should not do? There are many who would say, "Have nothing to do with them. Let your complete abhorrence of such a way of life be graphically demonstrated by just wiping them off your slate." And this, on the surface, may seem like the best way to handle the situation. It would be the easiest, Jesus said, "I am the way." He mingled with the world that they might better know the way. If I claim to know the way, then my testimony must not only prove I know the way, but must present the way to those I know. Jesus went to dinner with worldly people. He mingled with the worldly people. He did not withdraw from them. However, Jesus did not become a part of the world. He never partook of the sins of the world, but he went into the highways and byways. He ate with sinners in order to win them. The church condemned Him. There are many modern Pharisees who are looking for someone to condemn. Sniffing after anyone who does not conform to their narrow rule of religion. They are quick to get angry, ready to spread gossip, or slander a neighbor. Quick to be proud. They'll never be guilty of rubbing shoulders with the world. They might get their robes dirty. Your robe doesn't amount to much, but watch your heart. That proves your Christianity. Christians must attack the Devil's forces on their own battle ground and by the power of the Living God have victory there.

We can prove we are Christian several ways, and perhaps we must by several ways prove it to the world. To say you are a Christian is the least likely way to prove it, however, we should be ready at all times to claim Christ's name if we are His. We must prove we are Christian by our everyday living. A good Sunday

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school teacher was overheard to tell her class many times over, "Remember, your actions speak so loudly that most people don't hear what you say." That isn't a new idea, you have heard it often. Perhaps because of its frequent repetition it has lost some of its basic truth to many. It is still true.

Fifteen young people questioned from various denominations whose lives have proved they have found a workable formula all said the most important element in living a Christian testimony was prayer. Whether high school or college students, they agreed on this one point. This is the source of inner strength needed. When you don't get the acceptance and help you need from classmates, fellow workers, and friends, then you must turn to someone who knows, cares, and understands. Prayer for your own strength as well as prayer for those that make the "crowd" makes a most effective bulwark against the "blues." It isn't an easy way. Nobody said it's easy. You aren't looking for the easiest way, anyhow. To stand for Jesus Christ takes a "man" or "woman." It takes "guts" or "backbone" or whatever you wish to call it. I suppose if we really get down to the basic fact, it takes Jesus—as an example, the Holy Spirit—as a guide, and the Word of God—as

introduction.

It really boils down to how badly do you want to live the dynamic practical Christian life? How much are you willing to do, take, and give to make your life a testimony for Christ? For your consideration here is the formula of one of the Bible's greatest characters—a 17-year old young man named Joseph, who became one of history's most fascinating and exemplary characters. Joseph's formula consisted of five rules:

KEEP TRYING. God can open doors of service in the worst of places for those who refuse to give up. Instead of grumbling because he was a slave after dreaming of ruling, Joseph kept doing his best. The ability and faithfulness he demonstrated was rewarded.

KEEP SWEET. Trials make us *bitter* or *better*. They make us better if we ask God to help us through them. Regardless of how unjust or unChristian your treatment seems to be, keep sweet! Believe that your God is bigger than your circumstances and that He has not forgotten you. This is the way to victory.

KEEP PURE. Flattery from Potiphar's wife did not tempt Joseph to impurity. His reasoning was "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" In this day of "new morality" it

is important that we understand the truth Joseph expressed here. To yield would not only have been a sin against his master, his master's wife, and against himself, but most important it would have been a "sin against God." His brothers had taken his coat of many colors, Potiphar's wife had taken his jacket, but the important thing was that God still had Joseph's heart. The robe isn't the important thing, it is the heart that matters.

KEEP BELIEVING. Joseph had dreamed of a throne. He was on his way to the throne. When he was detoured from the most direct route he still kept his faith in God. We are on our way to the throne, too. When God sends you on what you consider a detour, "Be not faithless, but believing."

KEEP HUMBLE. Satan will use flattery to trap us into depending on sharp wits or unusual talents. Joseph could interpret dreams, but he remembered, and so must we, that he had nothing except what God has given. We are not owners, but stewards.

Do your best in the worst of places! Keep trying. Keep sweet. Keep pure. Keep believing. Keep humble. Joseph's way was not easy. Your way will not be easy either. Nobody said it's easy, remember? But it is a blessed way.

I WAS LOST... YOU WERE IN A HURRY... I attended your church this morning. You wouldn't remember me... I may be eleven or eighty... but I was there... and I was hunting for something... I think I almost found it... I think I would have if you hadn't been in such a hurry.

The choir... even you in the congregation... sang hymns about a loving Lord that made my heart beat faster. I felt a tight, choking sensation in my throat as your pastor described the condition of a lost person.

"I am lost. He is talking about me," I said to myself. "From the way he speaks, being saved must be very important." I looked about at you in the pews near me... you were listening... you seemed to think the pastor's words were important. "All these

people are so concerned," I thought. "They want me to be saved too."

At last the minister finished his appeal and asked you to stand and sing another of the beautiful songs you know so well. I swallowed a lump in my throat and wished I knew the joy with which you sang. Then your pastor looked at me and started telling me once again how I could have this joy... but his words were drowned in a buzzing beside me.

When I glanced around, you were putting on your little girl's coat and telling her to get her things. I looked on my other side and saw you touching up your lipstick and rearranging your hat.

Looking in front of me, I saw you frown at your watch as if time were running out. Suddenly I

didn't want to look at any more of you... my eyes burned and my throat hurt... my feet were so tired I couldn't have walked toward the pleading minister...

You didn't really care. This salvation the pastor had been telling me about was not important. You didn't care that I was lost... you only wanted to get away.

I wanted to get away too... I wanted to run... but I was afraid if I did you would wonder what I was hunting for.

I waited until the service was over and walked out among you... *alone... lost...*

copied
"The Forerunner"

Ed. Note: Sent in by a "collector of articles." Thank you for the contributions.

CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

The MISSIONARIES (new name for the Missouri Ministers Quartet) has just cut a long play album by the Missouri State Home Missions Board. The album, *Tell It Again*, is offered for sale by the Home Missions Board or any member of the Quartet (Jim McAllister, Dale Skyles, Bud Hill, and Frank Giunta). All proceeds from the sale of the record will go toward Home Missions in Missouri. The Quartet will also accept a few engagements on a free will offering basis as long as they are permitted to present the album and Missions in Missouri as a part of the program.

The Willow Springs Church was in revival November 14 thru 20 with Rev. Frank Giunta as evangelist. Seven first-time decisions for Christ and one person rededicating his life to the Lordship of Christ was evidence of revival in their midst.

The DeSoto Church reports that God is still blessing them. Souls being saved, baptized, and added to the church demonstrates God's blessings for those who will actively work and serve Him.

NOTICE: Rev. Dale Pitts, who has just completed two years of Bible study at the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville is available for pastoral services. Please contact at: 8848 N. Forest, Kansas City, Mo. 64155. Phone 816-436-7394.

The Missouri Chapter of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Alumni Association plans four area rallies during the week of January 31. Bible College President, L. C. Johnson and Director of Development, Evangelist Jack Paramore, will represent the College at the Missouri meetings.

The Monday night rally is being planned for the St. Louis-Leadbelt area by Pastors Bill Evans and Millard Sasser.

The Tuesday night rally will be held in Kirksville for the northwestern part of the state, including Columbia, Kansas City, and St. Joseph. Miss Neva Thomas is making the local preparations.

Thursday night, Joplin alumni

will host the rally for southwest Missouri, and Friday night Pastor George Bryant is making preparations for the rally in Mountain Grove area.

The exact times and locations of the various rallies will be advertised by the local planners among the alumni in each area. It is hoped that every Bible College alumnus in our state will attend one of the rallies during the week. Non-alumni pastors and laymen are also invited to attend the rallies.

The program for each rally will include a banquet or cafeteria-style meal, special music, a message by Dr. Johnson, and an up-to-date report of the Bible College by Evangelist Jack Paramore.



Singer Jim Sunderworth (left) and evangelist John Yasuda were used of God to bring revival at Victory.



John Yasuda from Sappora, Japan and presently a student at Hillsdale College served as evangelist in a weekend Youth Revival in the Victory Church of Avondale November 12-14. Many young people responded to the call of the Holy Spirit as John presented God's message in sermon and song. The services of the weekend also included Jim Sunderworth accompanied by Lynn Roberts, piano, and Gary Nickol, guitar. These young people magnified the Lord with their music and singing. It was a great weekend of fellowship, praise, challenge, and revival. Praise the Lord!

MISSIONS MAILBOX

Foreign Mission giving from Missouri for the month of December was \$5,031.57.

NEWS RELEASE

A Missionary Conference was held in several churches in the southwest part of the state December 8-12. Churches participating were Monett, Joplin, Neosho, Macedonia, and Jones Chapel.

Missionaries Jerry Pinkerton and Lonnie Palmer and Director of Deputation, Henry Van Kluyve were the conference speakers.

The pastors report over \$200 per month pledged to the Pinkerton's missionary account as a result of the conference.

November 29, 1971, will be a day long remembered by the staff at the Home Mission Office! On this day, for the first time in history, gifts for National Home Missions in one year exceeded \$200,000. It took the Department 28 years to reach the first \$100,000 in gifts annually—and only eight years to reach the second \$100,000. In the past eight years there has been a gain in gifts each year to average \$15,000!!!

The entire office staff was present for a special prayer meeting to give thanks to God for His blessings and to give thanks for all the wonderful people who made this victory possible.

Mr. Willis expressed thanks for all the pastors, churches and individuals who responded so well to the "Thanksgiving Offering". He also stated that it should only take about three years to reach the

next \$100,000 milestone and that next year, total gifts should reach one quarter million dollars.

With several state mission boards actively supporting local mission work, it is probable that this ministry in total is being supported on a level with other national ministries.

praise

The Don Robirds family arrived safely in Nashville on December 13. Daughter Judy is home with them from school at Toccoa Falls, Georgia, for the holidays. Pray for Don as he assumes the duties of Director of Communications.

The Communists were overwhelmingly defeated in the national elections in Uruguay November 28.

Our fellow Christians in Rennes, France have been seeking a suitable meeting place. Joe Haas writes that they think they have found the proper place, and it is in a great location right downtown.

pray

Continue praying for the Dan Cronks and Carlisle Hannas. Their exact situation at present is not known. Pray for them as they faithfully labor in the midst of political turmoil in India.

December 30 is "departure day" for foreign missions. The Good News Team leaves Los Angeles en route to Sapporo, Japan, via Hawaii. They will hold some weekend services in our church at Waipahu. Bobby and Sue Aycock and children return to Brazil following a year's furlough in the States. The Aycocks request prayer as they open a new work in Barbecena, Minas Gerais.

Several missionary children are away from their parents this Christmas. Pray for their peace and contentment during the holiday season when our thoughts naturally turn to home and family.

December has been set aside this year to observe the memory of one of our great pioneer missionaries, Thomas H. Willey, Sr. A Christmas offering for missions will help continue the work he and others started. Encourage your pastor to promote this offering in your church. Then pray for a good response, and give as you are able.

Missouri

State Home Mission Giving
November 5 - December 5, 1971

Farmington Church	3.00
Ruth Hickman	5.00
First Ch. Waynesville	2.50
Leadington Church	53.00
Victory Church	137.82
First Ch. Monett	27.00
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
Belton Church	7.00
Hannon Church	83.39
Berkeley Church	10.00
First Ch. Joplin	45.73
First Ch. West Plains	185.00
Myrtle Church	7.14
Copper Mines Church	20.00
First Ch. O'Fallon	10.00
Willow Springs Church	11.00
Thayer Church	76.50
JoAnn Thomas	15.00
Stella Mowrey	2.00
Faith E. Lovelace	5.00
Calvary Church	5.25
Fourth Church	25.00
Nat'l Home Missions	1.00
Cuba Church	6.00
Parkview Church	26.00
Larry Wallace	5.00
Fellowship Church	77.00
Olivet Church	65.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
New Home Church	20.00
First Ch. Mtn. Grove	18.27
South Side Church	10.00
Viburnum Church	16.25
Cooperative Receipts - Nov.	932.78
Total	\$1,928.63

Designated gifts for Jefferson City Building Fund Loan	
Farmington Church	31.35
Woman's Aux. Belvoir, N.C.	2.00
First Ch. Waynesville	27.00
Total	\$60.35

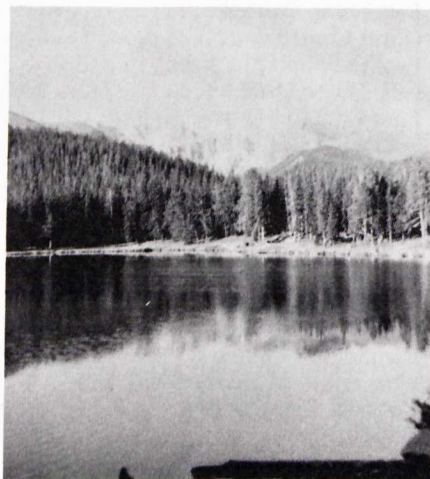
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Kansas City, Mo. 64117



Youth group sponsors for the 1971 Rock Chapel Camp Tour (l to r) Marie Helsley, Jack Smith, Jack's wife Wanda.



Unloading camp gear to set up the first mountain camp at Echo Lake.



Beautiful Echo Lake beside the first mountain camp of the trip.

Camping With Spiritual

THE FOOD and gear were packed along with a guitar for singing and wood for the campfire to sing around. The excitement didn't run as high as in years past, for this was the fifth annual camp trip to the Colorado Rockies sponsored by the Rock Chapel Church. Four sponsors and fifteen young people to be joined in Denver by two more, made a total of twenty-one campers to enjoy a week of fun, travel, camping and spiritual uplift.

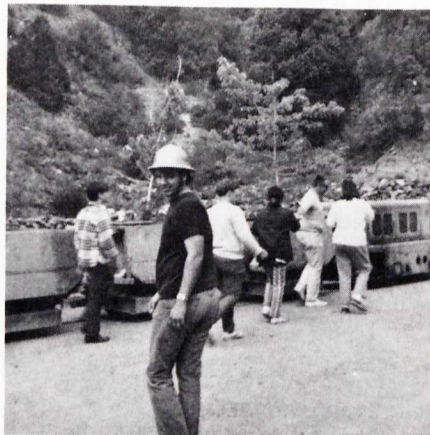
Our trip was pretty much routine until we reached Denver. Kansas doesn't seem very interesting when one is looking forward to camping and hiking in the mountains. However, the excellent campgrounds and rest areas in Kansas, the very best on the entire trip, made good overnight camping and picnicing stops on the way.

The Museum of Natural History, Denver, Red Rocks, and Lookout Mountain were all interesting and worthwhile, but the real experience began at our first mountain camp at Echo Lake. The

two friends from Denver has joined the camping trip by this time so 21 sat around the campfire for singing and devotions. The 8,000 ft. altitude made the camp fire feel good. It felt even better the next morning after rolling out of warm sleeping bags into the frosty mountain air.

Breakfast and the trip to the top of 14,620 foot Mt. Evans with snow and breath-taking scenery made a very interesting morning, but coupled with the tour by the Colorado School of Mines through their gold mine at Idaho Springs made lunch come a little late. However, this put the group well on their way to Rocky Mountain National Park, by way of Central City, where camp would be set up on a reserved site in Fall River Campground.

Climbing Long's Peak had become the challenge of the trip for five who set out from camp at 5:00 a.m. to drive to Long's Peak Campground to begin the climb. The remainder of the campers chose to remain in camp and climb lesser peaks, play ball, pitch



Headed for the gold mine tour by the Colorado School of Mines.



The adventurous five who climbed Long's Peak.

Emphasis

a horseshoe tournament, or find a quiet place in God's great creation where they could commune with Him in a special way.

The Long's Peak climb to the 14,625 foot summit was a round trip of twelve miles. The trip up was enjoyable though punctuated by frequent rest stops to catch breath and chat with others along the way. Two young men from Denver, Math teachers in the Denver area schools, became especially good friends as we climbed, rested, and shared our testimony of Christ's meaning in our life. They were both very fine Christians. The Rock Chapel climbers believe they were sent of God to aid us, for the return trip proved more exciting than we had anticipated.

It began to snow just as the summit was reached and for the next three and one half hours the downward climb was made in a blizzard of blinding snow which made hand holds footing treacherous. The experience of the new found Christian friends proved a blessing from God as they aided with assistance and advice. Walking on a narrow ledge covered with snow with a drop of hundreds of feet to the next outcropping of rock against a blinding snow filled wind does a great deal to help one become better acquainted with God. It was one of those experiences you are glad you had the privilege to live through, but don't care to encounter again. Faith was strengthened that day and thanksgiving was offered to God for His care and protection.

Friday morning the campsite was cleared for the drive through beautiful mountain scenery, over Trail Ridge Road to the western slope, then across Berthound Pass

with time out for a ski-lift ride, and on to Denver for the trip back home. The Eisenhower Museum and Library, Abilene, Kansas and the Truman Library, Independence, Missouri broke the monotony of the trip home.

A tired, but more experienced, group arrived back at Rock Chapel Church late Saturday afternoon to unload luggage, camping gear, and souvineers to separate them, then on to regular beds for the first time in a week. Now thoughts are turned toward next year when a cooperative venture with Eleventh Hour Missionary Crusade will take the 1972 group on a Teenage Institution of Missionary Evangelism trip across the Rio Grande into Mexico.

The Youth Leaders of the Rock Chapel Church believe this missionary experience will be good experience for young people and invite you to join us to make up the 25 persons for this tour. The dates are August 5 thru August 20. Although an exact accounting of expenses cannot be made at this time, the expected expense per person will be \$100.00. It does not seem possible to make it less. It will not be more. Although the Rock Chapel Church plans the trips with their young people in mind, others are invited to go along. If you are willing to work and follow instructions and are junior high through college you are welcome to share next summer's experiences.

The 1971 group sponsors were happy to have young people from First Free Will Baptist Church, Mtn. Grove; First Free Will Baptist Church, DeSoto; First Baptist Church, Hartville; First Baptist Church, Springfield; Grant Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield; Oak Hill Community Church, Houston; Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Norwood; and the First Free Will Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado as a part of the 1971 camp group.

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

Reflection.

It will be alright, Lord,

When in the fire you try me.

Tho in my weakness,

I would miss such painful wearying duty.

Yet, I would like to have the shine that comes when silver is refined.

Although my faith is often weak

And I another way might seek

You will never stand aside

And see me perish there;

But through every channel

Seek the load to share.

Then, when I have come through darkness,

To stand in victory,

I hope the shine is bright enough

To reflect thy face to the world.

One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind.

—Malay Proverb.

If we could only forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings!

When a man has not a good reason for doing a thing, he has one good reason for letting it alone.

God has promised forgiveness to your repentance; but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.

Men say: The body sins, but does not affect the soul."

God says: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Corinthians 5:16.

FALL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN WINNERS

We increased our record of Free Will Baptist churches participating in the Fall Enlargement Campaign by 4% over any attendance campaign. The net increase in average attendance of those churches reporting was 30%. The increase listed represented the percent of increase over April, May, June average attendance in 1971.

DIVISION	CHURCH	APR.-JUNE AVG.	CAMP. AVG.	INCREASE
FIRST PLACE WINNERS				
A	Fairmount Park - Norfolk, Va.	628	724	15.3%
B	Central - Royal Oak, Mich.	472	493	4.7%
C	Grace - Rocky Mount, N.C.	336	401	19.4%
D	Hilltop - Fuquay, N.C.	232	339.2	46.2%
E	Bethel - Hampton, Va.	166	323	94.6%
F	First - Claremore, Okla.	126	208	65.1%
G	Peace - Beech Grove, Ind.	54	110	103.7%
H	First - Austin, Texas	12	25	108.3%

SECOND PLACE WINNERS

A	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----	-----
C	Grace - Greenville, N.C.	335	393	17.3%
D	First - Hazel Park, Mich.	222	300	35.1%
E	Shady Grove - Phil Campbell, Ala.	155	227	46.5%
F	Mt. Carmel - Lexington, N.C.	110	178	61.8%
G	Randall Memorial - Memphis, Tenn.	80	154.2	92.8%
H	Faith - Manchester, Tenn.	38	78.2	105.8%

A plaque is being awarded to each of the First and Second place winners. There seems to be an increased interest in the use of such national contests to increase enrollment and challenge greater participation of Sunday school personnel.

Details will be released soon on the national Spring Enlargement Campaign.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES, 1971

Copper Mines	82	78	91	99	95	91	95	100	90	91	
DeSoto	71	73	79	91	85	84	91	100	106	125	114
Farmington	120			143	117	119	112				122
Fredericktown	138	126	136	151	147	139	115	130	139	145	137
Lebanon, First	163	147	150	162	139	177	127	144	189	189	
Mine LaMotte	38	33	41	52	37	37	47	35	40	39	41
Parkview	109	92	121	127	104	96	98	103	99	105	95
Salem	41	37	53	48	46	40	34	39	40	44	43
Trinity	158	162	211	196	170	159	132	146	181	215	
Victory	121	113	137	106			97	105	111	117	105
West Plains	142	127		139	128	134	126	130	149	150	148
Willow Springs	95	89	90	103	96	97	100	99	98		96
South Fremont						53	53	53	58		
Springfield, First						199	184	207	213	196	202

The More Excellent Way

by Rev. O. T. Allred

1 Corinthians, Chapters 12 & 13

PAUL in writing to the Corinthian Church in this 12th chapter taught that each believer is a part of the body of Christ, and that we each have definite responsibility, not only to Christ the head of the body, but to one another as members of this body. In verse 28 he mentions the fact that God set some in the church which had special gifts given by the Holy Spirit, then he gave this admonition, "Covet earnestly the best gift, yet I show unto you a more excellent way." Then Paul begins with chapter 13 to speak of the place of love in the Kingdom work of Christ. He places love at the head of the list and states that all gifts: prophecy, wisdom, and faith, are of God. Yet, the individual that has not love is nothing.

And though one give all his possessions to feed the poor, and even give his body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth him nothing; even though men might speak with the tongues of angels and have not love, he becomes as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbol. In other words, though we might attain a high degree of education, know how to build a sermon which would sound beautiful to the ears of men, might be able to speak every word correctly, give forth beautiful sentences, and have not love in our hearts for God and the souls of men, God looks on us as wretched, miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. We become as the Laodecian Church of Revelation 3:17.

"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity shall cover a multitude of sins," (1 Peter 4:8). Without love, salvation would never have been offered to man. "For God so loved the world that he gave his

only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:11). We cannot love God and hate our brother (1 John 2:11). In fact, we manifest our love for God by our attitude toward others.

God's love for us was manifest through His Son Jesus Christ, (1 John 4:9). As Christ wept at the tomb of Lazareth someone said, "Behold how he loved him." And Christ said, "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

Christ loved the church and gave himself for it (Ephesians 5:25). Paul mentioned the characteristics of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: it suffereth long; is kind; envieth not; vounteth not itself; is not puffed up; doeth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; and will never fail. When we study the qualities of love we can understand Romans 13:10 when it says, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."

Without love we could not be saved. Without love we cannot please God. We cannot love God and hate our brother. We cannot love God and not keep his commandments.

Now abideth faith, hope, and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.

Love is the more excellent way.

Editor's Note: Brother O. T. Allred is no stranger to Missouri Free Will Baptists. Serving for many years as Moderator of the Missouri State Association he became well known throughout Missouri and is much respected by all who know him. Brother Allred is "retired",

Wishes for
the new year



Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject on every occasion.

Release me from trying to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of knowledge, it seems a pity not to use it all, but I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details—give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and my love of rehearing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but a growing humility and lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memory of others.

I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others, but help me to endure them with patience.

Teach me the glorious lesson that, occasionally, I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably pleasant. I do not want to be a "saint"—they are so hard to live with—but a sour person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so.

but states in his note that accompanied this sermon article that he had missed only two Sundays since his "retirement" either filling the pulpit or teaching a Sunday school class. Brother Allred concluded his note with a statement very typical of him, "For all these blessings I am profoundly thankful." Thank you Brother Allred for this article. Thank God for men like you.

REVIVAL AND MISSIONS CONFERENCE CHALLENGE BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS

Students attending Free Will Baptist Bible College have recently been unusually moved as the result of a revival held on campus, followed by the school's annual Missionary Conference.

The revival, held November 3-6, was sponsored by the ministerial students on campus who comprise Ministerial Fellowship. The Reverend Tom Malone, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, Alabama and former Assistant Director of Development for the school, was the evangelist. More than 100 decisions of various kinds were recorded. Several students answered the call to the ministry and missionary service. A few first-time decisions were also made. The evangelist described the meeting as the greatest he had ever witnessed.

The school's Missionary Conference, which followed on November 15-17, was instrumental in challenging Bible College students with the needs of the foreign field. A substantial number are making preparations to go to the field and are actively promoting missions, both on campus and in Free Will Baptist churches around the country. Speakers for the Conference were missionaries Eddie Payne and Paul Robinson, missions department heads Reford Wilson and Homer Willis, and faculty members Robert Picirilli and Leroy Forlines.

The impact of these two recent meetings so early in the school year will go far in making this one of the best years in the Bible College's history.

Mid Semester grades issued in November showed six Missourians on the Bible College Honor Roll.

"A" Honor Roll

Don Turner, (Junior) Rivermines

"B" Honor Roll

Seniors:

Judy Hovis, Richmond Hts

Stephanie Vincent, Kirksville

Juniors:

Roger DePriest, St. Louis

Garry Matthews, Raytown

Freshmen:

Deborah Hendershott, Berkeley Missouri giving to the Free Will Baptist Bible College thru October was \$4,641.49. This figure is \$592.62 ahead of the same time last year and is 33% of our quota of \$14,000.00. Missouri is 9% behind schedule in Bible College giving for the General Fund. Giving to the College Expansion Program is \$22,221.54 to date with \$1,677.95 of unpaid commitments.

SPRING ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD is the theme for the Spring Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. It has been prepared by Arthur Davenport Associates, Inc.

The concept of this program is entirely new. Everything about the program is up-to-date. There is no other like it, yet it stresses the age-old techniques that keep people coming.

The program will easily fit into your plans to reach more people. The Spring Enlargement Campaign will be the month of March, but

the materials can be used to go through Easter Sunday.

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

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

The Enlargement Campaign will begin on Sunday, *March 5*, and continue through Sunday, *March 26, 1972*. Sunday schools in each division who experience the greatest *percentage* of gain over the thirteen weeks average attendance for October-November-December, 1971 will be declared winners and awarded appropriate plaques denoting first or 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.

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP RECEIPTS November, 1971

Berkeley	\$120.00
Cabool	10.00
Calvary	6.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Hannon	17.55
State Cooperative Plan	249.75
Myrtle	13.18
New Home	21.62
New Rock Springs	4.50
Olivet	10.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Parkview	63.28
Pleasant Home	15.00
William Reeves	2.56
Rock Chapel	20.00
Thayer	40.00
Verdella	10.00
Waynesville, First	5.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.	449.70
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Reeves	2.89
TOTAL	\$1,138.98

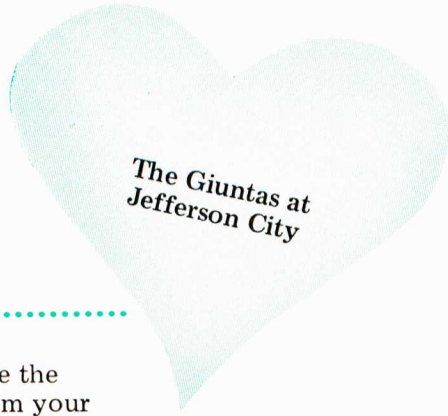
All November, 1971 receipts were for the General Fund.

Woman's Page



The Maggarts
at
St. Joseph

REMEMBER LADIES . . .
February is State Home Missions
Month. The Executive Committee
urges you to send your offerings
to Hazel Hutsell, who will then
send them to the special channels
into which they go. Don't forget
our special emphasis . . . THE
VANDIVORTS MEDICAL
NEEDS.



The Giuntas at
Jefferson City

Need an idea for your February meeting? Use the
"Heart" theme, with a slogan such as "Give from your
"Heart" or "From My Heart to Yours" etc. Then tape quart-
ers, dimes or nickels to fill the heart. Use individual hearts
or one large heart for the whole auxiliary. Don't forget prayer reminders for the ladies
to take home with them so they can remember who and what they are praying for.
(Thanks to Helen McAllister, Monett Church)

NOTES AND NEWS

Waynesville Auxiliary, which will soon be two years old, had their first Bible Study Group. It was
given by the Missions Action Group . . . Olivet Church Auxiliary in Marshall, had a four course
progressive dinner in December and received two new members.

OUR STATE CO-LABORERS

ST. JOSEPH

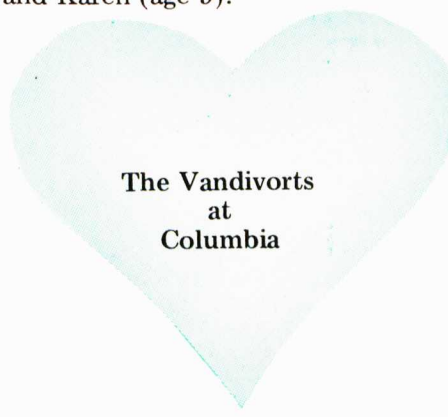
The work in St. Joseph, Mo. began
in the fall of 1968. They have
purchased over an acre of ground
with a five room house on it. The
church has in regular attendance
about eight families. All of the
Sunday School teachers except
one were saved in the last six
months. Pray for the Maggarts as
they labor there: Vernon, Nita,
David (age 8), Debbie (age 3), and
Dana (age 2).

JEFFERSON CITY

Our newest State Home Mission
work began in April of 1971.
They now meet in a renovated
church building, which they are
still working on. Pray for this
church's bus ministry. They pick
up 18-20 each week for services.
Their attendance has been around
38. Laboring there: The Giuntas:
Frank, Peggy, Stephen (age 16),
and Karen (age 9).

COLUMBIA

The Columbia Church began it's
ministry in August of 1968. They
are meeting in a garage, which has
been converted to a chapel. The
church is located on a five acre
plot, which also contains a 2
bedroom house. They have a con-
gregation of about 35, and have
already given over \$1,000 to the
Bible College and Missions. Pray
for the Vandivorts: Mark, Louise,
Andy (age 10), Philip (age 9),
Stephen (age 5), Bethany (age 3)
and Deborah who is 5 months old.



The Vandivorts
at
Columbia

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PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

FIRST Mission Quarterly Meeting assembled with Union Free Will Baptist Church near Success, Thursday, November 11. Ministers delivering sermons during the day were Carl Postlewaite, Clyde Montgomery, Ferrell Hutsell, Lynn Wood, and visiting minister Virgil Maness. Most of their churches were represented with delegates present. Two new ministers were issued ministerial license and time was given for Missouri Cooperative and Promotional program. Pastor George Bryant reports more than thirty souls being saved in their recent revival.

Liberty Association Ministers Fellowship held their meeting November 12 with the Lynn Street Church, Lebanon. Ministers preaching were Chamberlin, Hutsell, Bryant, Tanneyhill, and Beaty.

Monett Church hosted the Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting, Saturday, November 13. Most of their churches were represented.

Sunday morning November 14, I was privileged to deliver the message at the Purdy Church at the invitation of Pastor Mays. Their soul winning potential in this village looks good to me. Sunday evening I visited the Neosho Church and gave commendations to the congregation there. They have adopted the Cooperative plan of support. This church was certainly fortunate to sell their former Church building to our Baptist brethren. Their new church building is being constructed on Oak Ridge Drive. Pastor

Tommy Owns is doing a good work in Neosho.

Friday evening, November 19, the Kansas City Quarterly Meeting, convened with Beacon Church. Brother Starnes, a layman, delivered the evening message. Time was given for cooperative program to which 100% of their churches contribute regularly.

Mrs. Laura Mills went home to be with the Lord, November 20. To fulfill her funeral service request I went to Thayer, November 22, and shared in the funeral service. I was Sister Mill's Pastor early in my ministry. Our prayers and condolences go with her surviving Christian family.

Sunday, November 28, the youth group of South Side Church had charge of each worship service. The morning service was an "old fashioned" service with everybody dressing in plain clothes for the occasion.

November Cooperative receipts were \$5,255.07. Thus we are on schedule toward our \$60,000.00 goal. Missouri still leads the way in Cooperative giving to National Free Will Baptist Association. In resume of 1971, we reached most of our projected goals. We enter the new year with each of the seventeen accounts sharing in the Cooperative operating in the black.

Better than that, many souls have been saved throughout the state in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred seventy-one.

Best wishes for the coming year from Rev. and Mrs. Harry Beatty.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS November 1971

Merl's Chapel	\$ 47.10
St. Joseph	28.11
West Plains, First	134.50
Willow Springs	71.30
Gray Summits	41.55
Berkeley	405.47
Hurryville	85.21
Beacon	230.47
Pleasant Grove	4.73
Hannon	151.68
Salem	20.00
Mine LaMotte	17.67
Houston	91.00
Cabool	71.40
Verdella	37.66
Gateway	57.00
Olivett	130.00
Lebanon, First	263.43
Mt. Pisgah	31.45
Pleasant Ridge	20.40
Grant Avenue	275.15
Neosho	60.00
Garfield	26.44
Belton	70.00
Farmington	211.36
Monett	203.86
Royal Oaks	85.38
Columbia	39.93
Carterville	27.81
Leadington	142.00
Thayer	82.50
Happy Home	20.60
Copper Mines	80.00
Marshfield	32.08
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Mtn. Valley	118.13
Fourth	227.48
Grace	298.65
Fellowship	50.00
Parkview	50.00
South Side	215.00
Pleasant Grove	16.00
West Plains, First	92.00
DeSoto, First	115.00
Victory	166.09
Beacon	177.26
Mtn. Grove, First	315.77
Cedar Ridge	75.47
Designated 10%	\$7.55
TOTAL	\$5,255.07

Disbursed, November, 1971

17.75% Missouri Missions	\$932.78
16.00% Promotional	840.80
04.00% General Fund	210.20
03.50% Youth Camp	183.93
05.50% GEM	289.03
01.00% S.S. and C.T.S.	52.55
00.25% Superannuation	13.14
04.00% Bookstore	210.20
52.00% Eight Missouri Depts.	\$2,732.63
03.00% Hillsdale College	157.65
00.50% Theological Com.	26.28
00.50% Layman's Board	26.28
01.50% R.E.A.P.	78.83
03.00% C.T.S.	157.65
07.00% Home Missions	367.86
09.50% Executive Dept.	499.23
10.00% F.W.B.B.C.	\$525.50
less designated	7.55
13.00% Foreign Missions	683.16
plus designated	7.55
45.00% Eight Nat. Depts.	\$2,364.79
100.00% Disbursed	\$5,255.07